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BAKER'S ACT DRAWS FIRE

PIERCE OUSTER IS DENOUNCED BY. SEN. W. R. PAINTER.

WHERE WILL IT END?

Senator M. E. Ford of Maryville and Senator Anderson of St. Louis Will Oppose Naming of Bloker.

Jefferson City, Feb. 13.—The action of Governor Baker yesterday in reorganizing the board of managers of the state eleemosynary institutions by ousting W. C. (Cal) Pierce, Maryville Republican, virtually destroys the nonpolitical spirit of the law under which the board was created.

That is the view taken by Senator W. R. Painter, Democrat, president pro tempore of the senate.

"The governor might as well name only Republican members for the board," Senator Painter declared.

The president pro tempore indicated the Democratic majority in the senate would go slowly in confirming Carl F. Bloker, the successor to Mr. Pierce, and the three other board members appointed yesterday. Mr. Painter and several other senate members showed displeasure over the governor's injection of personal politics into a bi-partisan board.

Senator Painter declared the apparent violation of the spirit of the anti-nepotism amendment to the state constitution in attempting to force the appointment of George Gilpin, the governor's brother-in-law, was not in itself a matter of great public concern.

Where Will It End?

"The intention of the law of 1921 creating a bi-partisan board for the state eleemosynary institutions," he continued, "was to take these institutions out of politics. The principle was to be followed whether the governor was a Republican or a Democrat. If the governor may step in now and dictate his choice of steward for one of the state hospitals, what is to stand in the way for him to appoint a superintendent, a nurse, or fill the other jobs in these institutions?"

The ousting of "Cal" Pierce is expected to cause resentment in the Republican organization of Northwest Missouri, in which Mr. Pierce is a leader. The hostility began even before Mr. Baker was inaugurated.

Mr. Pierce is a close political friend of W. F. Phares, Republican state chairman, who has made no attempt to conceal his chagrin at Mr. Baker's refusal to recognize the state committee organization. Mr. Pierce has been a close political friend of ex-Governor Hyde also, and is aligned with Dr. E. R. Clements, member of the Republican national committee. Dr. Clements and Mr. Phares virtually have been ignored by the new state administration.

At the meeting of the eleemosynary board here two weeks ago, when the first revolt took place against Governor Baker's appointments, Mr. Pierce called on the governor in his office. At tht conference, Mr. Pierce plainly said if the board knuckled to the governor's desires on the two appointments the non-political nature of the governing board for the state institutions caring for seven thousand unfortunates would suffer a severe blow. Mr. Pierce called attention to the pledge of the Republican state platform of 1920, under which was passed the law removing the eleemosynary institutions from partisan politics.

Jobs Held by Democrats.

The governor has been quoted as saying he intended to go through with his plan to have the eleemosynary board appoint Luther Wilson, a Democrat and Knights of Pythias lodge brother of the governor, as steward at the state hospital in Nevada. Failure of the old board at its meeting here two weeks ago to make a place for Mr. Wilson was as much the cause for the ousting of Mr. Pierce as the board's refusal to make a place at St. Joseph for Mr. Gilpin.

Mr. Gilpin, a Republican, is slated for the place in the state hospital at St. Joseph now held by C. C. Graves, a Democrat, whom the board members have declared an efficient steward. Mr. Wilson is slated for the place at Nevada held by T. E. Dumphy, a Democrat.

When the governor was state superintendent of schools, Mr. Gilpin was an assistant in Mr. Baker's office. Mr.

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Increase in Business Failures Last Year

20,615 Concerns and 757 Banks Fail In 1924, Federal Reserve Board Announces Today.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Commercial failures in 1924 numbered 20,615 concerns and 757 banks, the federal reserve board announced today.

Liabilities involved amounted to $543,224,559, exclusive of banks, a slight increase over 1923.

Liabilities were the highest on record in the Kansas City and Richmond districts.

Of the bank failures, 79 per cent were not members of the federal reserve system; of member banks, 129 were national and 34 state banks and trust companies.

The greatest proportion of bank failures occurred in the Kansas City, Chicago and Minneapolis districts.

More Than 300 Attend Annual Charity Ball

Is Declared Big Success In Every Way—About $175 Will Be Cleared. It Is Estimated.

From the time Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Romasser led the grand march at 9 o'clock last night, the opening event of the Second Annual Charity Ball, sponsored by the St. Mary's Social Guild of the St. Mary's Church, at the W. O. W. Hall, until 12:30 o'clock, more than 300 persons enjoyed an evening of old time and modern dances.

It was estimated that the St. Mary's Social Guild would clear about $175, A. J. Blatter, general chairman, said this morning. One half of the net proceeds will be given to the Maryville Welfare Board and the rest goes to the St. Mary's Charity fund.

Although the advance sale of tickets was not as great as last year the attendance to the Second Annual Charity Ball was fully as large.

Tarpley's Orchestra furnished the music for the square dances in the east room of the W. O. W. Hall. Here couples waited in line to participate in the dances. The west room of the hall was crowded with dancers. The Yehle orchestra furnished the music in the west room.

Punch was served during the evening in the east room and refreshments of sandwiches and coffee served in the hall between the two rooms of the W. O. W. Hall.

All the rooms were decorated in Valentine emblems. Large hearts adorned the walls, with vari-sized hearts of red cardboard and kewpie dolls strung from wires overhead.

In every way the Second Annual Charity Ball was declared a big success by all who attended and St. Mary's Social Guild is gratified for the result of its efforts.

C. of C. Dinner at St. Mary's Monday

Dinner Will Be Served at 6:15 o'Clock by the St. Anne's Society of That Church.

The Chamber of Commerce dinner Monday evening will be held at the St. Mary's Church and will be served by the St. Anne's Society of that church. According to an announcement today, the dinner bell will ring at 6:15 o'clock and if you're not on time you're the loser.

The women are invited to attend the dinner. After dinner, J. B. Sheridan, secretary of the Public Utility association, will speak.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Eckhouse of Conception attended the second annual Charity Ball given here last night.

IT'S SOMETHING GOOD.

At first all goes well with this Northwest Missouri boy. He is poor but popular and when the great John Boland, head of all the Boland industries, begins to favor him, he rapidly prospers. His head is a bit turned and there is a reason other than his rising fortunes. The hero-cynic, fresh from France, had said, "Women? I've seen 'em all!" Again the Fates smiled and brought Miss Billie Boland home to Edgewater.

Billie sees this hero facing a mob bent on lynching a tricky lawyer. The young veteran turns them from their purpose by throwing the noose about his own neck and then daring them to pull the rope. This incident thrills the imperious beauty and arouses in her an interest she has not felt before for any man.

Watch for tomorrow's Democrat-Forum.

FOURTH HIKE IN GAS PRICE

LIQUID NOW SELLS FOR 22.2 CENTS PER GALLON.

KEROSENE IS UP TOO

Crude Oil Advance Blamed By Refiners As Real Reason for Advance —Small Profit Made By Dealers.

For the fourth time within a month the price of gasoline has advanced at the local filling stations together with others in Missouri. An increase of 2 cents per gallon was announced in Maryville this morning, bringing the liquid up to 22.2 cents per gallon, tax included.

A price hike of 1 cent a gallon on Kerosene was also announced by local dealers for the first time within several months.

The advance in crude oil quotations is offered as an explanation by refiners of the upward trend of gasoline.

As one local dealer said this morning, it is difficult to understand why crude oil should be advanced in price. He pointed out that less gasoline is sold in January and February than in any other months in the year, so the answer cannot be found in the economic law of supply and demand. During the summer months, the local dealer continued, there is a great demand for gasoline, yet the price level is more steady than it has been during the last four weeks when the demand is at its lowest.

But the increase in the price of gasoline does not benefit the filling station man, it was said. The increase goes to the refiners and the man "back in Wall street."

The Democrat-Forum reporter was shown price quotations this morning which reveal that the filling station owner makes less than 1 cent profit on each gallon of gasoline sold. Every time the price is advanced 1 cent or 2 cents, the wholesale prices are increased just this amount.

The fact of the matter is the wholesale prices have advanced in a far greater proportion than the retail prices, it was pointed out this morning. Because of this, the filling station owner is making less money now than he was a year ago.

And relief is not in sight yet. It is predicted there will be another increase in gasoline prices within the next week or two.

Societies Are Tied Honors in Contest

Philomatheans and Eurekans Score Two Victories Each in Competition Being Held at College This Week.

The Philomathean and Eurekan literary societies are now tied for honors in the literary society contest which is being held at the College this week end, both having scored two victories.

Yesterday the Philomathean debate team successfully defended the negative side of the question, "Resolved, That Capital Punishment Should Be Abolished," and won a two-to-one decision over the affirmative which was supported by the Eurekans.

The Philomathean team was composed of David Nicholson and Wilson Craig. Burdette Yeo and Fred Street composed the Eurekan team.

Wayie McKee, speaking on the subject, "The Constitution, the Supreme Law of the Land," won first place in the extemporaneous contest. Miss McKee was the representative of the Philomathean society.

Ermile Colee of the Eurekan Society won second place with his talk, "Abraham Lincoln and the Constitution." Walden LeMaster of the Excelsior Society spoke on, "Why We Should Respect the Constitution."

Laura Margaret Raines of the Eurekan Society won first in the sight reading contest. Ethel Kaufman of the Excelsior Society tied Grace Foster of the Philomathean Society for second place.

Ellis Cook, T. H. Cummins, and the Rev. R. E. Snodgrass were the judges of the contest.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Rilea and daughter, Lois, returned yesterday from Osceola, Ia., where they went Friday called by the death of Mr. Rilea's father, T. F. Rilea. The funeral was held Monday afternoon, and burial was in Maple Hill cemetery.

Eugene Malone of Conception was visiting in Maryville today.

Mrs Henry J. Kelly Dies at Home of Son

Death Came at 5 o'Clock Yesterday Afternoon to 69-Year-Old Maryville Woman.

Mrs. Sarah Kelly, one of the older residents of the Pickering community, died at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the home of her son, Orlen O. Kelly, near Pickering. Mrs. Kelly had been at the St. Francis hospital for treatment and was taken to her son's home the first of the week.

No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

Mrs. Kelly was 69 years old on October 6, 1924. Her husband, Henry J. Kelly, died in Maryville last May. The Kellys lived on a farm in the Mozingo Valley neighborhood from their marriage until about twelve years ago, when they moved to Maryville.

Mrs. Kelly is survived by the following children:

Mrs. Gertrude Craig, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Thomas W. Kelly, Fort Benton, Mont., J. Edward Kelly, Corvallis, Mont.; Ross Kelly, Torrance, Cal.; Mrs. Edith Wray, Pickering; and Orlen Kelly, Pickering.

HOUSE PASSES EXPENSE BILL

IT CARRIES APPROPRIATION OF $14,800,000.

START INVESTIGATIONS

Senate to Inquire Into Rising Costs of Electricity, Gasoline, Tobacco and Oft-Attacked Railroads.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The 1925-26 legislative appropriation bill carrying $14,800,000 for the expenses of Congress during the fiscal year beginning July 1 was passed by the House this afternoon.

Washington, Feb. 13.—After a year's vacation, the Senate today was in the throes of another epidemic of investigations.

Instead of centering of oil leases of the department of justice as it did last spring, the Senatorial spotlight has now turned on more commonplace subjects such as gasoline, tobacco, bread and electricity and the oft-attacked railroads.

The trend of the new epidemic has been to find out the whyfore of the present high cost of living, who is responsible and what can be done to bring back the old-time "normalcy."

Equalize Value 4th District February 24

Tax Commission Will Hear Claims For Adjustments for This County On That Date.

Fred Smith, county clerk, received a communication from Roy A. McCoy, secretary of the Tax Commission, that this body will hear applications for adjustments on the 1925 taxes in the fourth and fifth congressional districts at Jefferson City, on February 24.

Mr. McCoy says in his letter to Mr. Smith:

"The State Tax Commission is now engaged in equalizing the valuation of real and personal property between the counties of the state for taxes of 1925, preparatory for submission to the state Board of Equalization for final action. Before certifying the valuations to the State Board of Equalization we desire to give the taxpayers of each county an opportunity to be heard.

"We suggest that you take up this matter with the county court, the farm organizations, commercial clubs and other organizations or individuals interested in the matters of taxation so that if they desire to have any representatives appear before the Tax Commission they may do so upon February 24.

"Representatives of your county may appear, personally or you may file written suggestions and opinions relative to the valuations which you think should be placed on the property of Nodaway County. If representatives appear in person, may we suggest that so far as possible they submit written data in order that the Tax Commission may give the matter careful consideration after the hearings are over."

Miss Mayme Bloom of Barnard is spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gram, Sr.

LABOR WANTS STATE SURETY

DOES NOT APPROVE OF PRIVATE INSURANCE.

WOULD AID SOLDIERS

Bill Extends Time of Filing for Bonus —Would Require County Treasurers To Handle Auto Licenses.

Jefferson City, Feb. 13.—Unless state insurance is guaranteed in the workmen's compensation bill now before the House of Representatives, and other clauses are eliminated, organized labor will fight the measure to the limit.

This was the message brought here today by Cliff Langsdale, Kansas City attorney, who represents various labor organizations.

The question of private or state insurance still is the bone of contention between labor factions and the Associated Industries of Missouri, the latter sponsoring the bill.

The attempt to place a workmen's compensation law upon the statute books after fourteen years of struggle in the state apparently has not made any headway. The committee probably will draft a new bill within a week with amendments. The bill is then expected to be reported favorably and submitted to the House.

Jefferson City, Feb. 13.—The House today passed a bill extending the time for soldiers of the World War to file applications for the state bonus to December 31 of this year.

The bill was introduced and sponsored by Representative David Peters of Jefferson City, who declared that 5,000 Missouri soldiers had not yet filed applications for their bonus when the time expired.

Jefferson City, Feb. 13. A bill introduced in the Senate today would change the registration of automobiles from the office of the Secretary of State and place it in the offices of the various county treasurers and would place the collection of license fees with the treasurers.

The bill, similar to those defeated in the last two sessions of the Legislature, was offered by Senator Hildreth of Macon.

Jefferson City, Feb. 13.—A bill which authorize the payment into the firemen's pension fund of cities having an organized paid fire department of money received from an occupational tax on insurance companies was introduced in the Senate today by Senator James Summers of Kansas City. The money would be used to pension firemen and in relief of firemen's widows and children.

Three Killed in Feud and Another Injured

Man Returning Home From Serving Jail Sentence Slays Wife and Two Others—Kills Himself.

Caldwell, Idaho, Feb. 13. — Three persons are dead today and a fourth dying, the climax to a war of long standing. Lester Bowman, returning home from a six months' jail sentence, shot and killed his wife, Walter Bell, a former friend, wounded perhaps fatally Mrs. Bonita Tracy, and then turned the gun on himself committing suicide.

K. C. Woman Robbed of Jewels and Cash

Fugitive Robber Escapes From Home of Mrs. William A. Durham With $10,000 In Gems and Currency.

Kansas City, Feb. 13.—Mrs. William A. Durham, widow of a wealthy stock man, was held up and robbed at her home shortly before noon today by a bandit whom she identified by photographs as Arthur L. Barrett, fugitive robber. The bandit escaped with $10,000 in jewels and cash.

Score of Shopkeepers Are Stoned to Death

Allahabad, Feb. 13.—Death by stoning was the fate decreed and carried out for a score of shopkeepers here today accused of being heretics. The killings were in keeping with an ancient custom.

Miss Evans to Brookfield.

Miss Minnie Evans left yesterday morning for Brookfield to be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Forrest Faut, and family, for two weeks.

Robber Is Located Thru Use of Radio

Wiley Knight, Who Robbed Joe Cockayne Place, Is Brought To Maryville This Morning.

Radio again aided in the locating of a robber. As a result of a message broadcast from the Henry Field station at Shenandoah last night, Wiley Knight, age 20 years, who says he has no home, was located and arrested for breaking into and robbing the home of Joe Cockayne, five miles north of Maryville.

Knight was brought here this morning by the constable at Burlington Junction, J. L. Maxwell and lodged in the county jail.

While Mr. Cockayne and his family were in Maryville yesterday morning their home was entered. A new blue suit, razor, forty pennies in a children's bank and half a cake were stolen. Neighbors saw a man that morning at the Cockayne place and the sheriff was given a fair description of him. The section boss of the Wabash at Wilcox heard the broadcasting and informed Mr. Campbell he had seen a man on the tracks at Wilcox. Sheriff Campbell got in touch with J. L. Maxwell at Burlington Junction who waited at the station and got the man when he arrived on foot at Burlington Junction.

All the stolen articles except the cake were returned to Mr. Cockayne, Sheriff Campbell said this morning.

Knight waived preliminary hearing this afternoon before Justice Warren L. Johnson. His bail was fixed at $1,500, which he was unable to give and he was bound over to the circuit court.

Knight claims that he was born in Louisiana, went to school up to the seventh grade at Hickory Grove, Tex., that both his parents are dead and that he has no brothers or sisters, and has "wandered over the face of the earth" by his twenty-first year.

Pep Assembly Held at H. S. This Morning

Trenton Girls Organization, "Snappy 16" Entertain Local H. S. Students.

An assembly was held this morning at the high school and the main part was taken by the Trenton "Snappy 16." Several yells were given by the student body to produce some enthusiasm for tonight's game. A short talk was given by Coach Harold G. Ebert and then the assembly was turned over to the Trenton students.

The "Snappy16" is a body of girl boosters which travels with the Trenton teams to create pep. A program as follows was given:

School song by the chorus.
Jazz-o-phone quartette.
Yells for Maryville.
Duet, "Sally" with chorus.
School song.

Miss Alice Peery, coach of the Trenton girls' basketball team, accompanied the girls boosters to the High School assembly.

Mother Graham Woman Dies at St. Joseph

Mrs. Nancy E. Bohart To Be Buried In Prairie Home Cemetery, Graham, Tomorrow.

Mrs. Nancy E. Bohart, 87 years old, widow of the late John H. Bohart, died at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning at a hospital in St. Joseph, where she was taken a month ago. Funeral services will be held at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Martin Bond of Graham, Saturday and burial will be in the Prairie Home cemetery.

Nancy E. Johnston was born October 22, 1837, in Clark County, Indiana. She was married to John H. Bohart October 17, 1859, and to this union was born seven children, four of whom survive. Mr. and Mrs. Bohart moved to Graham in 1870 where they lived for some time. After Mr. Bohart's death on February 1, 1885, Mrs. Bohart moved to Kansas where she resided until last September when she came to Graham to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Bond. Besides Mrs. Bond, these children survive: Mrs. Anna Mundis and T. J. Bohart, Kansas City; and J. H. Bohart, Bonner Springs, Kan.

Marriage License.

A marriage license was issued yesterday afternoon to Herman G. Klatt of Bladen, Nebr., and Mollie Ross of Red Oak, Ia.

Appoints Curator.

Edna G. Hanson of Pickering was appointed as curator of the estate of her minor son, John Rolland Burch, by Judge Jesse F. Robertson of the Probate Court today.

SAYS COLLINS STILL LIVES

MAN HEARS PRISONER MOAN AND BREATHE.

MAKE LESS PROGRESS

Hard Material Is Encountered in One Part of Shaft Which Is Thought to Be Directly Above Prison.

Cave City, Ky., Feb. 13.—Floyd Collins is still living this afternoon!

A man passed along the narrow condemned crawlway to the farthest point before his progress was blocked, listened, and heard the prisoner breathing and moaning.

His report was made officially under oath.

"One deep gasp and a low groan," was what the man who dared the passage branded a human death trap reported. "But it was not like the moan of a person suffering."

The man, Edward Brenner, of Cincinnati, Ohio, said he was in the passage some time listening to the workmen in the shaft, and he gave it as his opinion that the shaft would penetrate almost directly above Collins' prison.

He called to Floyd several times, he said, but received no answer.

Cave City, Feb. 13.—A new estimate of the length of time which probably would be required to reach Collins will place the rescue time late Sunday or some time Monday, it was announced this afternoon.

The worst material yet encountered lies just under the present level of part of the shaft and this will cut the normal rate of progress which is ten feet every twenty-four hours to five feet or less.

Sand Cave, Ky., Feb. 13.—Erroneous reports that Collins had been found flashed out of Sand Cave shortly before noon today when all workers and newspaper men were ordered from the pit while engineers explored a sixteen-inch crevice that had been uncovered in the shaft.

The crevice, it was officially announced later, led only to a blank wall.

The pit was cleared for the safety of the exploration party as it was feared tramping of persons above might dislodge loose rocks.

The air was electric with expectancy but there was no formal word as to what was going on at the time the shaft was cleared.

Friday, the 13th, however, brought its burden of ill luck.

The shaft had sunk to a depth of fifty-four feet early today but repeated cave-ins were hampering the work. Five deluges of earth were thrown on the shaft-workers during the night and fresh crews today met similar conditions.

Cold weather had also added to the labors of the diggers. The cave and all digging-machinery was ice-coated.

Tiger Escapes and Kills Its Trainer

Manila, Feb. 13.—Crashing through the steel bars that separated it from the girl trainer, a jungle tiger that was being put through its tricks at a carnival here this afternoon, killed the young woman. A detective shot and killed the beast as it leaped into the panic-stricken throng.

Man Is Hanged for Murder of Five

Wheaton, Ill., Feb. 13.—John Kammerer, slayer of five members of the Otto Eder family seven months ago, today paid with his life on the gallows. Kammerer maintained an amazing calm to the end.

"I would not change places with any man; I am content to die," he said.

Warranty Deed.

Seneca T. Van Ausdall and wife to Bessie Robertson lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 11, Burlington Junction, for $1 consideration.

The Weather

Unsettled tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperature, lowest tonight about 24.

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LARGEST CIRCULATION IN NODAWAY COUNTY.

For Collector Hughes Township.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for collector for Hughes Township on the Democratic ticket, subject to the voters at the primary in March.

L. K. RUSSELL.

WAS A JOB FOR A BROTHER-IN-LAW WORTH IT?

(Kansas City Times)

Because Cal Pierce, outstanding Republican and good citizen, refused to yield to Governor Baker's demands for a letting down of standards in the management of the great state charitable institutions, he has been removed from the eleemosynary board.

The state will be under no mistake as to what the removal means. Mr. Pierce has been known for years as an aggressive force in the Republican party to make that party an instrument for public service. In 1920 the party pledged a competent and non-political administration of the state asylums and the tuberculosis sanitarium. When in response to that pledge Governor Hyde established the bipartisan board, Cal Pierce became a leading spirit on it for efficient and humane management of the institutions. What the board has accomplished has been a source of pride to all Missourians. It has given practical application to the ideals than animated the people of the state in the provision they have made for the treatment of the unfortunate.

The first blow to this policy in four years has came from Governor Baker, who has insisted on the dismissal of the competent steward of the state hospital at St. Joseph in order to make a place for the governor's brother-in-law. Regardless of Mr. Gilpin's qualifications, if this demand were yielded to it would mean the breaking down of the principles on which the institutions have been managed, the intrusion of favoritism and politics, the impairment of discipline.

Naturally, Mr. Pierce refused compliance with the request. Two other members of the board, C. I. Rendlen of Hannibal and A. J. Fitzsimmons of St. Louis, supported him. These men are serving without salary. All they can get out of their services is the opportunity to do a big job well. If that satisfaction is removed, there is no incentive for them to continue their work.

The governor's course has been a shock to the people of the state, who had taken for granted that he would continue the fine record with the state institutions pledged by the party. His action means a surrender of the principles on which the board was organized. It is a profound disappointment to citizens concerned with the state's welfare.

By throwing out of his administration a man like Cal Pierce, whose citizenship is known throughout Missouri, the governor has managed to take care of his brother-in-law. But from the standpoint of even the most practical and sordid politics, was a job for a relative worth the price the governor has paid in the loss of esteem of people whose esteem is worth having?

BAKER SHOULD BE CRITICIZED.

A Republican candidate for mayor of St. Louis announces as the first plank of his platform the following: "I pledge that I shall not appoint a relative to office." He will scarcely be able to secure the help of Governor Baker if nominated, as the governor is willing to wreck an insane asylum to put a brother-in-law in charge, and that, just as it was supposed that the eleemosynary institutions of the state had been taken out of politics. This determination of the governor is bring-

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FEB. 14, MILLER SHOE CO.

Dressed chickens, cakes, pies, fresh eggs, butter, and cottage cheese.

ing him more severe criticism than anything he has so far attempted.—Moberly Democrat.

Phares Scores Baker in Speech at K. C.

Appointment By Governor of Supreme Court Justice's Son To K.C. Election Board Is Criticized.

Kansas City, Feb. 13.—Charging W. W. Graves, chief justice of the Missouri supreme court, with responsibility for the defeat of a state congressional and senatorial redistricting plan, William F. Phares of Maryville, Mo., attacked Governor Sam A. Baker in a meeting of the republican state committee here yesterday for recognizing Graves in an appointment. Phares is chairman of the committee.

Governor Baker, Phares said, had recently indicated approval of the chief justice by appointing the latter's son, W. W. Graves, Jr., as a democratic member of the Kansas City election board.

"I realize I may go to jail for this," declared Phares, "but it is all true and I stand behind it."

To Launch Movement.

Phares made his statement after the state committee had voted unanimously for a motion to launch a movement for realignment of senatorial and congressional districts with initiative petitions. Phares appointed Robert Grover of Warrensburg, Mo., and Judge S. W. James of Sedalia, as a committee to draw up the petitions.

"Of course," said Phares, "you know our previous effort to redistrict in the fifty-first general assembly was defeated by Judge W. W. Graves of the Missouri supreme court, a partisan democrat, by reversing one of his own decisions.

"And this is the same Judge Graves who has just recently been recognized by Governor Baker in the appointment of the chief justice's son, W. W. Graves, Jr., as a democratic member of the Kansas City board of election commissioners."

Bills Were Fair.

The redistricting bills passed by the 1921 legislature, signed by Governor A. M. Hyde, and later held invalid by the state supreme court, was described as fair by Grover and Judge James. They termed the present districts "disgraceful gerrymanders."

Judge James made the motion for a republican fight for redistricting.

Grover declared that although the Republican ticket carried the state by 77,000 last November, the Democrats controlled the delegation to congress and the state senate by the gerrymandered districts. He declared it required a landslide, with a majority of at least 151,000, the 1920 majority of the republicans to control the state senate with the present district.

Grover and Judge James said they would prepare immediately petitions to be approved by the committee and later circulated in all the sixteen congressional districts. Under the plan if sufficient signatures are obtained the plan could be voted on in the election in 1926.

No Debts To Pay.

In calling the meeting to order, Phares explained the meeting was a customary adjunct of the annual Lincoln day rally. He added the usual after-election business of taking up a collection to pay a deficit was not in order, as the organization had conducted a victorious campaign with all bills paid. The announcement was greeted with applause.

Dr. E. B. Clements of Macon, national committeeman, called upon for a speech, said he had thought the party had said its speech last November.

"We never were more successful," Dr. Clements said. "We are not going to be sued by anyone, as the Democrats have been sued. We pay our debts and we win."

The committee unanimously adopted a resolution by J. N. Daniels of Kansas City, and seconded by Mrs. E. L. Garrison of Harrisonville, thanking Dr. Clements, Phares and Miss Mary Kilholland, secretary of the state committee, for their work in directing the campaign.

Governor Baker last night would not discuss the statement of Mr. Phares.

"I don't care what Phares said," the governor commented. "You know Graves is an old friend of mine."

Mr. and Mrs. George Kemp and family of St. Joseph came today for a visit with the former's sisters, Mrs. H. H. Mutz and Mrs. C. E. Wright.

Miss Elizabeth Doran of the Keiflein millinery shop went to Kansas City today for a week's visit.

Lavern Rickard of Pickering, Henry Boedecker of Parnell, William Logan of Bedison and Mrs. Lavona Burns of Barnard were in Maryville today.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Dixson and family of Parnell were Maryville visitors today.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

SELLS SHOES THIRTY YEARS

W. A. MILLER STARTS OUT WITH $735 CAPITAL.

MUTZ BUYS INTEREST

Connected With Firm Fourteen Years —Three Decades Ago Dress Shoes Sold for $3.50 per Pair.

Thirty years ago tomorrow, W. A. Miller with a total capital of $735, and J. H. Becker started a small shoe store in the room now occupied by the Henderson plumbing and electrical shop on North Main street.

Mr. Miller had just completed a

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course at a business college in Quincy, Ill. He had worked his way through school by waiting on tables and clerking in a clothing store on Saturdays.

He had spent his boyhood days on a farm near Wapello, Ia., and with the money earned by pitching hay, plowing corn and attending to the stock, he was able, with a small gift from his father, to enter the school in Illinois.

For a future business location, his eyes turned toward Missouri and it was Maryville that proved the greatest attraction.

Mr. Miller, Mr. Becker and Charles Lippman, a brother of Roy Lippman, worked together in the small store, the stock of which was invoiced by William Job, Sr., the present state Representative from Nodaway County.

In those days, a man could buy an excellent pair of work shoes for $1.50. However, if he wanted some fine dress shoes to wear when he went to see his best girl, he could get them for $3.50 per pair. Women's shoes sold at about the same price in those "good old days" that father and mother delight in talking about now.

Miller and Becker were located on North Main street for one year and then moved to the north side of the

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square where the Godsey news stand is now. They occupied that room for eight years and then moved to their present location.

Mr. Becker continued in the business for ten years and then sold his interest in the firm to R. J. Sanders who owned a partnership for five years.

John G. Mutz, who had also heard the call of Nodaway County and came here with his parents when he was 9 years old from a farm near Plattsmouth, Nebr., purchased Mr. Sanders' interest in the store together with Mr. Miller and Frank Reavis. The latter sold his stock to Mr. Mutz in 1916.

Mr. Mutz had worked on his father's farm two and a half miles southwest of Maryville before buying an interest in the shoe store fourteen years ago.

Thirty years have seen great changes in the business life in any community. Sales at the Bee Hive have increased ten times over those of three decades ago in the room on North Main street, and the stock of merchandise has increased more than twenty-fold during the some period.

A a celebration of the thirtieth birthday of the Bee Hive Shoe Store tomorrow, carnations will be given to the women and cigars to the men calling at the store between 1 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

BAKER'S ACT DRAWS FIRE

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Gilpin is a farmer and a neighbor in Buchanan County of S. S. Connett, whom the governor ousted as a Democratic member of the state highway commission.

Point to Anti-Nepotism Law.

The question was raised whether the action by Governor Baker in attempting to force the appointment of Gilpin constituted a violation of the spirit, if not the letter, of the anti-nepotism amendment. Baker and Gilpin married sisters.

The anti-nepotism section of the constitution reads:

Any public officer or employee of this state or of any political subdivision thereof who shall, by virtue of said office or employment have the right to name or appoint any person to render service to the state or to any political subdivision thereof, and who shall name or appoint to such service any relative within the fourth degree, either by consanguinity or affinity, shall thereby forfeit his or her office or employment.

Until legislation is enacted to carry this amendment into effect, the general contention here is that the anti-nepotism clause is inoperative. No move has been made to enact an enforcing law at this session of the legislature, which thus far has paid no attention to the constitutional amendment in appointing relatives to clerkships.

See Fight on Bloker.

A fight on the confirmation of Bloker, as successor to Pierce, was threatened yesterday by Senator Peter Anderson, Republican, from St. Louis. Anderson said the appointment appeared to him to be the result of a political understanding between the governor and Bloker that the new board member would vote for Gilpin as steward at the St. Joseph hospital. Bloker was here to confer with Baker a few days ago.

Senator M. E. Ford of Maryville, Democrat, indicated several days ago he might oppose the governor's attempt to reorganize the eleemosynary board to make jobs for personal appointments.

Governor Baker said Pierce would continue on the board until Bloker was confirmed by the senate. Pierce has not resigned. He may therefore continue to deadlock the board on the two Baker appointments until his successor is approved by the senate.

GENERAL MARKET

Evening Auxiliary M. E. Church, Saturday, Feb. 14.

Cushman Music Store.

Evans' Own Plates Bought Just 100 Years Ago Today

Valued not by their intrinsic cost but for family keepsakes and relics, small articles of china ware are often kept for generations in one family and could not be bought for any price.

So it is in the L. H. Evans family. Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Evans have two plain china plates that were bought 100 years ago today, the wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Schofield. They were purchased at Schroon, N. Y. In later years these plates were given to the grandchildren and are now in possession of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Evans.

They are on display at the Gaugh & Evans Drug Store on East Third street.

Continental President Tenders Resignation

Rufus E. Lee, Head of Electric Corporation, Will Quit March 1—Lincoln, Neb., May Be Headquarters.

Rufus E. Lee, during whose presidency the Continental Gas & Electric Corporation has grown from a small public utility group into one of the larger organizations of its kind, today announced his resignation as president of the Continental, effective March 1st. His successor will be Richard Schaddelee of Chicago, Ill.

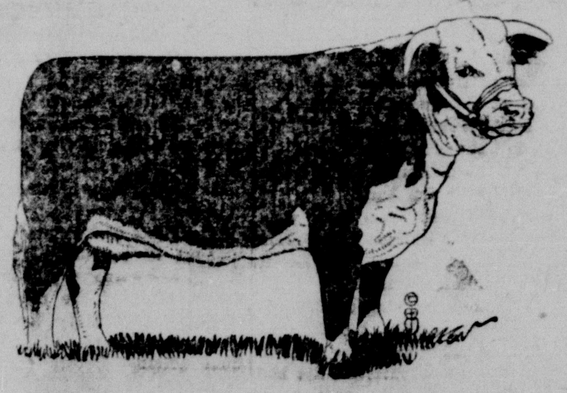
Mr. Lee's resignation follows the completion of a transaction whereby he and Cyrus S. Eaton of Cleveland, and their associates, have sold control of the Continental to The United Light & Power Company of Chicago, Ill. Mr. Schaddelee, successor to Mr. Lee, is senior vice-president of the United Company. Operations of the Continental's subsidiaries will hereafter be under the supervision of B. J. Denman of Davenport, Ia., vice-president and general manager of the United Company.

It is expected that the United Company will move to Lincoln the offices which the Continental companies have maintained in Omaha for several years. Lincoln will then be the operating headquarters for the Iowa-Nebraska gnoup of properties.

When Mr. Lee came to the Continental Company as president three years ago, the company's properties included only the Nebraska Gas & Electric Company and the Iowa Service Company, serving a population of about 150,000. During Mr. Lee's presidency the Continental has acquired the Maryville Electric Light & Power Company, the Lincoln Gas & Electric Light Company, the Lee Electric Company, the Kansas City Power & Light Company and the Columbus (Ohio) Railway, Power & Light Company. The population now being served by Continental is in excess of 1,000,000.

Mr. Lee was a pioneer in Nebraska's electrical development, having built Superior's first electric system in 1894. Later he built Superior's first telephone exchange, which later was sold to the Nebraska Telephone Company, predecessor of the present Bell Telephone Company.

Mr. Lee has not yet announced his plans for the future.



Fresh Beef

From Selected Stock

The tastiness of the Beef offerings in this Meat Market wins us new customers daily. The reason is —our Beef is of the best quality only, coming from prize, selected stock.

Tender, Juicy Porterhouse or Sirloin Steaks. Delicious Prime Ribs, Sirloin Butt, Brisket and Chuck. Moderate prices. Give them a trial.

Schumacher's

The Home of Batavia Pure Food Products.

Drastic Cut In Taxes On Incomes Under $10,000

Joseph Jackson, President of the First National Bank, Explains Two Big Changes Which Means Large Saving of Money.

Income tax time is coming again. Every year we think that we have mastered its puzzling details only to learn that this year it will be quite different and we must study the question all over again. Taxation legislation is one of the favorite sports of Congress. The basis question is—who shall pay for the war? Shall we all participate or shall we make the rich pay the bulk of the bill? The President and the Secretary of the Treasury were of the same mind on one point, namely, that, whoever pays, the burden of heavy taxation must be reduced. Part of this reduction has gone into effect for the 1924 returns.

In order that the new income tax regulations may be made clear to every reader of our paper, our representative called on Joseph Jackson, president of the First National Bank and asked him to explain just how this year's return will differ from last year's. Mr. Jackson's reply was briefly as follows:

"There are two big changes in this year's tax regulations which mean a saving of money to every man and woman in the country. These are changes in exemptions and changes in the rates.

"Each single person is allowed an exemption of $1,000 and is taxed only on what he receives about that. Each married person living with husband or wife, and every head of a family is allowed an exemption of $2,500 regardless of his or her net income. Then there is an exemption of $400 for each dependent who is under eighteen, or who is incapable of self support. This year the exemptions are based upon actual financial dependency instead of upon mere legal dependency as hitherto. For instance, a father whose children receive half or more of their support from a trust fund or some other outside source is not entitled to this credit.

"Now about the rates. This year the rate will be 2 per cent on the first $4,000; 4 per cent on the next $4,000, and 6 per cent on the balance. The rates mentioned apply on net income only—your income after the personal exemption and allowable deductions are made. This is what is called 'normal tax.' By that we mean the tax on that part of your income after all deductions have been made and after the personal exemptions have been taken.

"Of course, on all incomes in excess of $10,000 there is a surtax levy, which starts at one per cent on incomes from $10,000 to $14,000 and increases until it is 40 per cent on any income over $500,000.

"Everyone must remember, however, that the interest received from dividends on corporation stock is not subject to the normal tax but to the surtax. This surtax is not imposed on net incomes until they exceed $10,000 instead of $5,000 as formerly. This makes a big difference.

"There is one other thing that complicates matters a little bit but which is, nevertheless, to the decided advantage of all of us. That is what is known as the earned income credit. This year Uncle Sam entitles you to deduct from your total income tax an amount equal to 25 per cent of the tax which he calls the earned income credit. If you are married, but have no children and your income is $3,000, your tax at the full rate would be $10, and from this you can deduct 25 per cent or $2.50 as earned income credit. This means a lot to the man who personally earns all he gets. He will not be taxed as heavily as the fellow who has a steady income from investments etc.

"If your entire net income after exemptions and deductions are made is $5,000 or less it is considered to be entirely earned net income except when it is made up wholly or in part of dividends of domestic corporations. The law states that no part of earned income shall come from this source. In no case may the earned net income exceed $10,000. The term 'earned income' means wages, salaries, professional fees and other amounts received as compensation for personal services actually rendered.

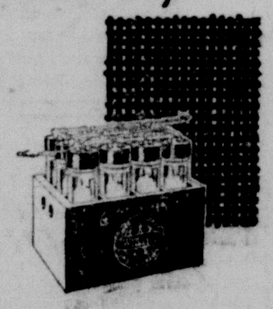
"Thus a person with an earned income of $3,000 (after earned income deductions) will pay a tax of $7.50 (tax of $10.00 at full rate less 25 per cent earned income deduction); for $4,000 the tax will be $22.50; $5,000—$37.50; $6,000—$52.50; $6,500—$60.00; $7,000—$75.00; $8,000—$105.00; $9,000—$135.00, and $10,000—$165.00. Compare the taxes for the 1924 income with those for the 1923 income and you will note the tremendous reductions benefiting the pocketbooks of everyone.

"It seems to me that the old jokes about making the income tax returns will fall a little flat this year. For the ordinary salaried individual, it is a comparatively simple thing to calculate the income tax. But it's all very well to talk about simplicity of income tax returns but every man in my business knows that each individual report is a case in itself. Complications are always arising which call for help and advice. This bank considers it a part of its service to help its patrons and friends answer such questions and we shall be glad to have everyone call on us for such assistance as they need."

Use Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

Mark every grave

See the Willard CBR Battery



HERE'S the same Battery the big broadcasting stations use in their voice amplifiers.

Now made in a size to fit your set, and sold at a price to suit your pocketbook.

This Willard will operate a five-tube set for two hours a day for three solid months without recharging.

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are worth knowing about. Come in and let us show them to you. Ask to see the Willard CBR.

Fisher's Battery Station

Club Meets Next Week.

The all-day meeting of the Rockford Community Club, to have been held yesterday at the home of Mrs. Lester Reaksecker, was postponed for one week. J. Ross Fleetwood, county agent, will give a talk.

Moss-Klatt.

Miss Mollie Ross of Red Oak, Ia., and Herman G. Klatt of Bladen, Neb., were married yesterday afternoon at the parsonage of the M. E. Church, South, on West Second street, the Rev. R. A. Mitchell officiating. The couple were accompanied by the bride's brother, John Ross, Jr.

Independence Industrial Club.

A social meeting of the Independence Industrial Club was held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Gaylord Reynolds. Music was a feature of the afternoon's entertainment and Mrs. Clark Gray received a gift from the birthday box. The next meeting will be February 25 with Mrs. Glen Thomas. Visitors at the meeting were Mrs. Marion Crawford, Mrs. Charles Hornbuckle, Mrs. Tillie Hornbuckle and Mrs. James Neal. The members and children present were Mrs. Josie Hoy, Mrs. Sarah Edwards, Mrs. Eunice Thomas, Mrs. Anna Gregory, Mrs. Maude Wallace, Mrs. Bess Gray, Mrs. Lizzie Hess, Carroll Wallace, Delanie Gray, Vera and Junior Hess, Maurine Thomas, Lowell Dean Reynolds and the hostess.

B. B. Club.

The B. B. Club of the Scudder district held an all-day meeting yesterday at the home of Mrs. Joe Skidmore. The day was spent in quilting for the hostess and a cafeteria dinner was served at noon. Those present were Mrs. Albert Carr, Mrs. Frank Hull, Mrs. Ben Neal, Mrs. Joe Aken, Mrs. Don Kingery, Mrs. Walter Brown and daughter, Alice Marie, Mrs. Frank Gray and son, Curtis, Mrs. Vern Jones, Mrs. D. S. Moody and daughter, Virginia Lee, Mrs. Fred Wyatt and children, Trevis and Barbara, and Mrs. Orville Ripley and children, Harold and Doris. The club will hold another all-day meeting February 26 with Mrs. Fred Wyatt. The February social meeting for the members and their families will be held a week from Saturday night at the home of Mrs. Marion Ripley.

Celebrate 25th Anniversary.

(Burlington Junction Post)

The following news item sent from California will be of interest to Post readers:

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Nicholas of Arcadia, California, entertained a party of ex-Missourians at their new home in Arcadia on Saturday, February 7th, the occasion being their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. A turkey dinner was served at noon and a gab-fest prevailed all day.

The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hiles and daughter, Bernice, Mrs. C. B. Zarn, Mrs. F. W. McMackken, all of Hollywood; Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Compton and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Trimmer and daughter, Daisy, all of Pasadena and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Nicholas of Long Beach.

Friendship Club.

The Friendship Club was entertained yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. V. Ford on South Vine street. The usual business session was held and the remainder of the afternoon was spent in needlework. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Merle Shreve, who was a guest of the club. Those members were present: Mrs. Leo Knox, Mrs. Banner Brummett, Mrs. Ernest Kessler, Mrs. F. W. Steele, Mrs. Furman Rogers and Mrs. L. R. Strong. Mrs. Harry Tilson, 715 East Fourth street, will be hostess to the club February 26.

R. N. I. C. Club.

Mrs. James Arnett was hostess to the R. N. I. C. Club yesterday afternoon at her home on North Mulberry street, with Mrs. James Newton and Mrs. W. P. Howland as assisting hostesses. The business session was in charge of the president, Mrs. A. J. Bluel. Mrs. Fern Crull played two piano selections and contests in keeping with the season were enjoyed. The rest of the time was spent socially and refreshments were served. Those entertained were Mrs. Charles Alexander, Mrs. A. J. Bluel, Mrs. E. E. Barrett, Mrs. D. O. Belt, Mrs. George Bramble, Mrs. Charles Butler, Mrs. L. A. Conder, Mrs. J. M. England, Mrs. Ernest Glover, Mrs. Ora Green, Mrs. John Halasey, Mrs. Charles Smith, Mrs. J. H. Thorp, Mrs. R. E. Thomas, Mrs. O. S. Wilson, Mrs. T. J. Williams, Mrs. George Wallace, Mrs. Maggie Lahr, Mrs. F. C. Kelley, Mrs. Claude Stults, Mrs. G. W. Butler, Mrs. L. W. Watson, Mrs. Fern Crull, Mrs. George Colter and Mrs. George Kirchhofer. The March meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Charles Alexander.

New L. P. Club Officers.

Mrs. E. H. Sims was elected president of the Ravenwood Literary Progressive Club yesterday afternoon at the regular meeting at the home of Mrs. I. A. Goodson. Other new officers are: Mrs. S. H. Leary, first vice-president; Mrs. S. P. Ross, second vice-president; Mrs. I. A. Goodson, secretary; and Mrs. Alfred Crater, treasurer. In answer to roll call the members gave incidents concerning the life of Lincoln. An interesting report of the annual conference of the First district, Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs, at St. Joseph last week was given by Mrs. E. H. Sims and Mrs. Elizabeth Mooers. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Misses Elizabeth Bishop, Grace Helen Goodson and Meredith Bishop. The meeting was attended by these members: Mrs. E. H. Sims, Mrs. Elizabeth Mooers, Mrs. S. H. Leary, Mrs. Mary Flynn, Mrs. S. P. Ross, Mrs. Fred Lyle, Mrs. I. A. Goodson, Mrs. M. L. Beatley, Mrs. David Crater, Mrs. Madison Goodson, Mrs. Alfred Crater, and Mrs. James Hubbell. Miss E. Goodson of San Jose, Cal., was an additional guest. Mrs. D. M. Bishop will be hostess at the next meeting February 26 when current events will form the roll call responses. The study of "Keeper of the Bees" by Gene Stratton Porter will be continued.

Hostess at Waffle Supper.

Miss Lois Cummings gave a waffle supper to a group of friends last night at her home on South Market street. Mrs. James P. Cummings assisted the hostess in serving. The guests included Mrs. Irwin Will, Mrs. Anna Anderson, Miss Ruth England, Misses Gladys and Merle Ford, Miss Lyda Ambrose and Miss Ella Noll. Following the supper the guests were entertained at games and music.

Merry Mingler Club.

A business meeting of the Merry Mingler Club was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Russell Smock. Plans for serving at a closing-out sale to be held soon were made, and each member is expected to furnish three pies and some cream. The Valentine box was opened with Evelyn Marsh and Eleanor Haigwood acting as messengers. The members arranged a Valentine box as a gift to M. J. Dougan, who is a patient at St. Francis hospital. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Henry Smock, served refreshments. Those present were Miss Mina Armstrong, Mrs. J. M. Conley, Mrs. Verlin Conley, Miss Mary Dougan, Mrs. Lee Haigwood, Mrs. Henry F. Jaeger, Misses Minnie and Theresa Jaeger, Miss Edith Marsh, Mrs. A. Marsh, Mrs. Dale Marsh, Mrs. Mary McElwee, Miss Katie Mercer, Mrs. Fisher Mercer, Mrs. Henry Smock, Mrs. Fred Wallace, Mrs. John Wallace, Marjorie Conley, Emma and Helen Zimmerman, Eleanor Haigwood, Bernadine and Margaret Jaeger, Evelyn Marsh and Omer Lee Haigwood. The club members and their families will be entertained Thursday evening, February 26, at the home of Mrs. Fred Wallace.

Entertain Epworth Class.

Miss Mabel Gay and Mrs. E. M. Houchens entertained members of the Epworth Class of the First Methodist Church and their husbands last night at the home of the latter on North Walnut street. Roll call was responded to with a quotation from Lincoln and Mrs. M. Rittenour gave a short sketch of Lincoln's life. The musical numbers included two piano selections and a vocal solo by Miss Ruth Houchens. An old-fashioned spelling match was the closing feature. Refreshments consisting of red jello hearts with whipped cream, maccaroons and hot chocolate were served by the hostesses, assisted by Miss Ruth Houchens. Those present were Dr. and Mrs. C. C. James, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. James, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Braniger, Mrs. M. Rittenour, Mrs. N. F. Hpper, Mrs. George Gay, Mr. and Mrs. John Price, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Andrews and little granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Devore, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hartness, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Nicholas, Mrs. S. O. Keever, Mrs. Blanche Cline, Mrs. Ira Bailey, Mrs. E. T. Bailey, Mrs. J. M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Houchens, Miss Ruth Houchens and Miss Gay.

Valentine Tea.

A Valentine tea was given yesterday afternoon and last night at the home of Mrs. George P. Wright on West Thompson street for the benefit of the third division of the Ladies Aid Society of the First Methodist Church. The hostess was assisted in receiving by Mrs. C. E. Stilwell, chairman, and other members of the division. Miss Emma Hull, Mrs. L. E. Dean and Mrs. C. C. Leeson had charge of the decorations and entertainment and members of the refreshment committee were Mrs. J. F. Hull, Mrs. C. A. McCoppin and Mrs. Wright. Those who assisted in the dining room were Mrs. H. S. Dowell, Mrs. T. L. Wadley, Miss Virginia Dean, Miss Frances Remus, Miss Elizabeth Hull and Misses Tama and Mildred Carlson. The afternoon program opened with a violin solo by Miss Audrey Stiwalt, after which Miss Mary Elizabeth Jones gave a reading, "Stealing Cleopatra's Stuff." A pantomime, "The Girls in the ongsS", was an attractive feature of the program. Mrs. W. W. Stanfield took the part of the Man; Mrs. Leonard Bosch was the Scotch Girl; Mrs. E. C. Curfman, Red Cross; Miss Lucille Wright, Hawaiian Girl; Mrs. Ralph Aley, Bride; Mrs. William Larson, Spanish Girl; and Mrs. Bert Cooper, Indian. Miss Lucille Gaugh and Miss Audrey Stiwalt, accompanied by Mrs. J. W. Hake, sang the following selections in connection with the pantomime: "Annie Laurie;" "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean;" "Alaho Oe;" "Mary of Argyle;" "Juanita;" "Land of the Sky-Blue Water;" and "You are Just the Flower From An Old Bouquet." An old-fashioned spelling match with Mrs. J. C. Allender and Mrs. A. R. Perrin as captains was the concluding number. Mrs. John Price was the winner in this diversion and was awarded a Valentine as a prize. Each guest brought a Valentine and these were exchanged both afternoon and evening. Miss Jones' reading and the pantomime were repeated in the evening. Other program numbers were a piano solo by Mrs. Henderson Aley; piano solo, Mrs. J. W. Hake; cello solo, Miss Lucille Gaugh; and a vocal solo, "Love's Old Sweet Song," Mrs. O. L. Curl. Mrs. Hake was accompanist for the last two performers. A silver offering was taken to be used for the church building fund. More than 100 persons were entertained.

The second division of the society, of which Mrs. F. A. McKee is chairman, will give a Colonial tea next Thursday afternoon and night, and the first division, headed by Mrs. J. S. Ford, will give a St. Patrick's party next month.

Bloomfield Needlework Club.

Mrs. Ira Thompson entertained the Bloomfield Needlework Club yesterday afternoon. The members pieced quilt blocks and a talk was given by Miss Margaret Davison of the county health department. After the business meeting refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Ed Rickard. The club will meet with Mrs. Arthur Wray February 26 when election of officers will be held. The members present were Mrs. John McClurg, Mrs. Jim Lett, Mrs. Byron Hanna and children, Mrs. Marvin Carmichael and daughter, Lois, Mrs. B. C. Clayton, Mrs. Carmichael and son, Earl, Mrs. J. H. Hanna, Mrs. Ed Hanna and sons, Charles and Robert, Mrs. Lee Birkenholz, Mrs. Burley Swalley, Mrs. Martin Carmichael, Mrs. Jewell Birkenholz, Mrs. George Hantze, Mrs. Arthur Wray, Misses Della and Nannie McNeal, Miss Ethelyn Hanna, and Miss Neva McClurg. Visitors at the meeting were Mrs. Will Morrow, Mrs. Ed Rickard, Miss Edith Hanna, Miss Helen Carmichael and Miss Davison.

Valentine Bridge Luncheon.

Mrs. W. C. Pierce, Miss Hattie Pierce and Mrs. W. F. Chaves will be hostesses at a Valentine bridge luncheon tomorrow afternoon at the Pierce home on North Main street. The luncheon in the first of a series of affairs to be given by the three hostesses. Following the 1 o'clock luncheon bridge will be played at five tables. Appointments suggestive of St. Valentine's day will be used.

Elect New Officers.

New officers were elected at the meeting of the Thursday Afternoon Progressive Club yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. N. Johnson. Miss Ada L. Needles was elected president; Mrs. J. D. Bolin, vice-president; Mrs. Will Strough, secretary and treasurer; and Mrs. Harry Wamsley, reporter. Mrs. Rol Evans was taken in as a new member. "America, the Beautiful," was adopted as the club song. Following a program on Lincoln, a two-course luncheon was served. A program on Washington will be given at the meeting next week when Mrs. Harry Clayton will be hostess. Those present were Mrs. Harry Hunt, Mrs. Will Strough, Mrs. M. E. Bell, Mrs. E. E. Bolin, Mrs. Glade Wiley, Mrs. Harry Clayton, Mrs. Basil Wiley, Mrs. M. P. Ross, Mrs. Harry Wamsley, Miss Ada Needles, Betty Lou Strough and the hostess.

Johnson-Hazelton.

Miss Alla May Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Johnson, living near Clearmont, and Alva Leland Hazelton of Clearmont were married yesterday morning at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. L. V. Harmon, in Clearmont. The ceremony was witnessed by Mrs. A. G. Grable of Denver, Colo., an aunt of the bride. The couple will live on a farm east of Clearmont. The bride was graduated two years ago ago from the Clearmont High school. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hazelton of Clearmont.

Entertain at Pitch.

Glen McKee entertained a number of friends at pitch last night at his home in Pickering. The host, assisted by Todd Norris, served refreshments and music was another feature of the evening. The guests were Drew Smith, Dennis Leech, Elmer Hornbuckle, Jack Estes, Sam May, Doll Taylor, Roy McMullin, Robert Gumm, Theron Wray and Delma Carmichael.

Beauty in Villages Is Paying Investment

Advantages of Making Small Towns Attractive Pointed Out—Dept. Ag. Urges Civic Improvements.

Washington, Feb. 13. — American villages should plan for comfort and attractiveness, the same as cities, and will find it profitable to do so, the department of agriculture says after a survey of village life throughout the country.

Nearly 20 million people in the United States, or about one-fifth of the population, live in villages, and 30 million farming people use these villages for purposes of business, education, religion, health and social well-being. Yet these centers of rural population usually are unattractive and often very ugly, the department says. Villages in other countries generally are much superior to those of the United States in design, in the character of their streets and public buildings, and in their approaches and recreation spots. A start, however, has been made toward beautifying the American villages.

Show Examples of Leadership.

Some examples of leadership in this respect are recorded by the department of agriculture, which has been studying the problem of village planning from the standpoint of its importance to the rural community and particularly to the farmer. It is more as a buying than as a selling place that the farmer makes use of the village. In marketing his principal products he generally deals with some large distributing center. But he purchases his household supplies in the village. He goes there for amusement and for social purposes generally. His children often go to school there.

An attractive village, says the department, is an important influence in stabilizing farm life and in counteracting the attractions which cities have for the young people of the farms. As the farmers chief point of contact with outside interests, the village can make a big contribution to the happiness of farm life, even if it be considered from no other standpoint than the fact that it is the place where the farmer spends a large part of his income.

Where villages are being made more beautiful, the impetus has come in nearly every case from local initiative. Villages that have well-planned streets, attractive recreation spots, and pleasing approaches are nearly always indebted for these advantages to the energy and public spirit of some small group of citizens. Under such inspiration dump heaps have been turned into garden spots, unsightly shacks and dilapidated stores have been torn down and replaced by smart, substantial business buildings, and extensive programs of landscape gardening and tree planting have been undertaken.

Villages that have embarked on this path are finding that local beauty pays. It improves local business and attracts tourist business. It enhances real estate values, and has a powerful influence in raising individual standards of efficiency and enterprise.

Point to Weston, Mass.

One good example of a village that was not well planned originally, but now has been transformed into an extremely pleasing place, is Weston, Mass. Weston formerly had a large swamp area in its center. This has been drained, graded, seeded to grass, and planted to pine, fir and chestnut trees. A new town hall and a fire station have been built opposite the entrance to the common. Public buildings now are centrally grouped. Old, unsightly structures have been torn down. The improvements were planned by a landscape architect. It took twenty-five years to put the plan through, but everyone in Weston now believes the enterprise was worth the time and money it cost.

A village that was started with a good plan and has realized it is Patterson, Cal. This village and colony of irrigated farms, occupying eighteen thousand acres, were planned in 1910. Roads leading to the village were strategetically located and planted with trees and shrubs. The village itself has eight streets radiating from a civic center, where the public buildings are situated. In the last four years the residents of the village have built a public library, a community club house, a concrete swimming pool and a grammar school, and have provided a tourist park.

A town dump at Lewisburg, Pa., has become a scenic asset, through the activities of women, who formed a civic club, launched civic improvement propaganda, and accumulated funds for a program.

Outlook Is Brighter for American Farmers

Federal Reserve Board Reports No Likelihood of Decline of Prices Of Agricultural Products.

Washington, Feb. 13. — With the senate and house agriculture committees once more occupied with the problem of drafting farm relief legislation for enactment by the present congress, the federal reserve board reported yesterday that agriculture had climbed to a better balance with other industries than at any time since 1920.

The agricultural industry gives no indication, the board's monthly report said, of receding from its present economic position, which has been reached by a gradual advance beginning in the late summer of last year.

Jardine Voices Cheer.

A similar outlook was presented to the senate committee yesterday by William M. Jardine, a member of the president's agricultural conference, who expressed "unalterable optimism" for the outcome of the farming industry, and declared the farmer was passing through a post-war crisis from which his recovery was certain.

Before the house committee, Chairman Carey of the conference, indorsed a bill framed by Chairman Haugen to carry out the conference recommendations on cooperative marketing, and predicted the federal co-operative marketing board proposed in the bill would prove of substantial aid to the farmer in marketing his crops provided the "proper type of men made up its original membership."

To Amend Capper-Volstead Act.

The Haugen measure would amend the Capper-Volstead act to permit co-operative associations to organize and operate both terminal marketing and clearing house organizations to organize and operate both terminal marketing and clearing house organizations, without conflict with the anti-trust laws so long as the membership was made up exclusively of producers.

At the senate meeting, Mr. Jardine took up an analysis of the conference recommendations, especially emphasizing those dealing with "orderly marketing."

Chairman Norris, insisting that an "emergency program" was needed, declared the conference brought a program to "congress in the last days of the session and the White House announces there is ample time for us to act" and asked if "that was just an effort to pass the buck."

"There certainly was no intention to embarass congress," Mr. Jardine replied.

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VIII.

TORTURE.

Again the King's justice . . . . . the justice of the Middle Ages. How long had her trial lasted? Esmeralda, herself, couldn't have told. It was all a horrible night-mare. The President of the Court, unshakable and cruel. The King's Attorney, cunning and domineering. The volley of questions fired at the dazed girl. The President's grating: "And so thou deniest that it was part of thy hellish plot to foment riot when thou didst go disguised as a lady to the home of Madame de Gondelaurier! And thou deniest also that it was thou who didst murderously assault Monsieur Phoebus de Chateaupers!"

"I do deny it! Of course I deny it! I loved him! I love him more than life itself. How could I? Rather would I have———"

She stopped short. Her wandering sight had found Jehan's face—shining white, demoniac—as she had seen it when Phoebus was stabbed.

She let out a shriek. "He stabbed him! 'Twas he—he!"

She was jerked back by the soldiers as she started for Jehan. A cold sneer came over his face. He waved a careless finger at the girl.

"The maid is bewitched," he said. "Put her to the question!"

A shudder ran through Esmeralda's delicate form. Then she was being dragged away through a double row of halberds to the Chamber. Descending several flights of stairs they arrived at the Torture Chamber. Over everything there was a crimson reflection cast by a roaring fire of a furnace. By this lurid illumination the prisoner saw all around her the frightful instruments—capstans, suspended hooks, large pincers. Then she shrank with horror as she saw the staring emaciated face of a man who hung suspended by his wrists to a diagonal cross. He shrieked, cried, begged for mercy. Then Esmeralda was put to the question—the "question"—that system of the Middle Ages to force confession.

They began with "the boot." Esmeralda was flung on a bed, her bare feet encased in a loosely jointed oblong box of wood and iron.

"Do you still deny?" the torturer asked sweetly.

"I do—I love him! I love him!" She screamed in terror. Charmolue was sweetness itself as he asked her again to confess. She could only repeat her denials. He signalled his assistant to proceed. A twist of the screw and the "boot" crunched in like the jaws of a vice. Esmeralda uttered one of those terrifying cries that have no place in human experience. "I confess—I confess! I confess to anything you wish. Only, let me be—let me go, for the love of Heaven!"

Charmolue said with oily unction: "Humanity obliges me to inform thee, my child, that in confessing thou hast but to look for death on the gibbet." He turned to the clerk. "Write down: 'Esmeralda, Bohemian girl, doth confess to the fomenting of riot and to the stabbing and murdering of one Phoebus de Chateaupers . . . . .!' "

Meanwhile Phoebus was being nursed back to health by Fleur de Lys at her aunt's house. Through nights of delirium he had wondered if the charge brought against Esmeralda was true—whether it was she who stabbed him. Wrestling with his question, Phoebus heard a servant's voice announce: "Monsieur, the brother of the Archdeacon inquires the health of Captain Phoebus." Phoebus beckoned his guest to enter.

Jehan's mission was brief. "The wench who stabbed you," he said, "has confessed to her crime. She has been ordered hanged." He stepped back as Phoebus gave a cry like that of a tortured animal and collapsed back on the bed. Jehan smiled craftily and left.

At this time Clopin was frantically searching for Esmeralda. The only word he could get of her whereabouts was from one of his beggars who had seen her enter the Cathedral. Clopin rushed into the church where he found Dom Claude and Quasimodo kneeling in prayer. He spoke to the Archdeacon, his voice a fiery gust of passion. "I come to get Esmeralda—where is she?" He raised a clenched fist.

Dom Claude did not flinch from Clopin's clenched hand. "She has been carried to prison by his Majesty's servants."

"You lie!" snarled Clopin. He was shocked, enraged. Then he burst into a mocking laugh as the Archdeacon reiterated that the girl has been thrown into prison on a charge of murder and fomenting a riot. The laugh extended itself into an obscene guffaw. "Thou hypocrite! Thou child stealer! I've come to get Esmeralda, and, mark me, I'll get her!"

There came a beast-like roar from Quasimodo, who had finished his prayer, risen to his feet, and for the first time he saw what was taking place. He flung himself at Clopin like a bulldog, his jaws slavering, his fangs bared. "Thou hadst better leave," said Dom Claude softly.

"I'll get her if I have to tear down Notre Dame rock by rock!" snarled Clopin, backing away from the Archdeacon and the Hunchback.

Had Clopin only known it, even while this unsatisfactory interview was taking place, Esmeralda, sentenced to die, faced an even worse fate. She had been wakened from her fitful sleep in a dungeon cell by the figure of a monk. Was this to be the hour of her death? She wept pathetically: "I want to get away from here. I'm cold. I'm afraid."

The spectral figure answered: "Well, then, follow me."

She recognized the voice—it was Jehan's. She shrank back, as he pushed back his cowl. "You—in the robes of the Church!"

"Only in these robes could I pass the prison guard. Quick—come with me!" he urged. "Soon it will be dawn—thy execution time!"

"Go with you!—you who put me here!—hounded me!—stabbed my Phoebus! I'd rather die!" she flamed. "What's become of Phoebus?"

"Phoebus died last night of his wound," he lied glibly. "I promised him to save you. Oh, Esmeralda! Pity me; all I have done was for love of you! I came here to save thee—fly with me—now!"

"Assassin!" Esmeralda fairly screamed. Fly with you! No! A thousand times no! Go! Leave me to die! May my blood and his stain you till the day of your death. Go! Get out! Thou art accursed!"

"Very well, then—hang!" and Jehan was gone.

IX.

THE RESCUE.

Suddenly the date for Esmeralda's execution was secretly set ahead, and orders came to the Hunchback to toll the death-knell. For what poor soul he rang, he did not know. It was a sobbing peal, vast in quantity, sufficient to roll its reverberations through all the streets of the capital like an invisible, terrifying flood. When the great bell tolled like that, all Paris knew some prisoner was on the way to execution. Sister Gudule heard the bell, and its sound mingled with her lamentations. She knelt before a little shoe that had dropped from her baby's foot years before when the child was kidnapped—to her it had become a shrine, a holy relic. "Give her back to me, O Lord!" she prayed. The sound of the great bell mingled with her despairing cry.

"Look! Look! They're going to hang a Gypsy woman today!"

Sister Gudule heard the exclamation uttered by two little gamins of the Paris streets. Her prayers were forgotten. She sprang up with a curse. She was filled with ferocious joy. Hatred gleamed in her eye.

"Nay! Let me slay the Gypsy fiend! Her life for the life of my child!" She rushed from her cell. A heavy cart—flanked with cross-bowmen, halberdiers and mounted officials of the court—was almost at her door. In this care, drooping like a faded flower, was Esmeralda.

Gudule let out a shriek. She sprang upon the cart. Before the soldiers could interfere, she was clawing at the fainting victim with curses and insults. "Cursed Gypsy! Cursed! Cursed!" she cried.

A couple of pikemen seized the mad woman and flung her into the street. Gudule continued to shriek her curses. Then she discovered she had brought away a souvenir of her onslaught. It was the filigreed disk Esmeralda had worn about her neck—the talisman placed there by her mother. The object fascinated the recluse. She stared at it with wild eyes. Where had she seen the thing before?

Years ago—centuries ago, so it seemed to her—she had known a young mother who had put a trinket like this about her baby's neck. Her reason cleared. Her memory went back, swiftly, strong and lucid. She herself was that young mother. This was her own child she had just cursed—whom they were carrying off to hang—

"My baby! Oh, my God! My baby! Save her! Save her!"

She started to run in pursuit of the retreating procession. She had taken but a few steps, before she stumbled, fell. Slowly, yet convulsively, she brought the amulet to her lips, held it there . . . . moved no more. A priest knelt beside her . . . . blessed her. "Requiscat in pace!" he murmured. "Her earthly penance is ended. God rest her soul!"

They had brought the cart with Esmeralda in it up to the steps of the Cathedral. There was a clause in her death sentence that she was first to make "honorable amends" to God before the Cathedral door. Half-fainting, she was dragged from the cart by a pair of bailiffs and hoisted up the steps to the porch. There they placed her in a kneeling position before the central door. The contact of the stones where so many other supplicants had knelt—the presence of the Church that had meant so much in those early dreams of hers—seemed to revive her to some extent. She swayed backward—raised her face in a last appeal to Heaven. Her lips breathed a last prayer. The end was near.

It was thus that Quasimodo saw her.

After the ringing of the death knell which was a sign of the approaching execution, the Hunchback had gone into the high gallery of the Cathedral to watch the spectacle below. Of supreme indifference it was to him whom they were going to hang. He peered down at that desolate figure of the condemned one kneeling in the center of the porch. Then he recognized her—the girl, Esmeralda—she who had given him a drink when he was dying of thirst. Quasimodo gave a start of horor.

He uttered a stifled roar. He began to cast about him with a rolling motion as if he were overcome by some great giddiness. How could he save her? Save her he must! He was frantic. He hopped about. He leaped to the top of the parapet—swayed there at that dizzy height as if he would have flung himself into space as a bird might do.

Then he made a discovery. Workmen had been engaged in repairing the roof, in fact there was seldom a time when the vast fabric of the ancient pile was not being mended—stone by stone, timber by timber, a roll of lead here, another one there. Swinging from the beam of a huge crane used to hoist this material to the lofty gallery where Quasimodo found himself there was an enormous length of rope reaching from this height to the Cathedral porch fully a hundred and fifty feet below—a dizzy abyss, enough to make any man shudder.

But not Quasimodo!—he who clambered over these mountainous heights and slopes by day and night. He paused for but a moment to measure the distance. He made a gigantic leap into space. His powerful hands had caught the rope. He was going down it—sliding, falling—with a speed that would have meant the death of an ordinary mortal.

Almost before he was discovered—certainly before anyone could divine his intent—Quasimodo had safely landed. There was a flash of terrific action, and the Hunchback had sent two bailiffs near Esmeralda sprawling, head over heels, down the cathedral steps.

Then Quasimodo had caught Esmeralda up in his powerful arms. She was like a mere doll in the arms of a child.

A few bounds had brought him to the open door of the church

There he turned and held her aloft. His rusty voice bellowed out like the clang of a long-neglected bell: "Sanctuary! Sanctuary!"

It was as if that dying petition of the girl's mother—she, the mad recluse, who had been known as Sister Gudule—had reached God.

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It was the Archdeacon, Dom Claude, who checked the rush of soldiery at the cathedral door.

"What! Would you violate the sacred law of sanctuary?"

X.

SOWING THE WHIRLWIND.

That evening, Esmeralda, soothed and strengthened, had gone out into the starlight that illuminated the high gallery of Notre Dame. She had thanked Quasimodo as best she could. She had caressed his shaggy head. He had run away from her in a perfect paroxysm of joy. There was joy in her heart—more than she ever could have believed possible. Her Phoebus was dead, but was not his spirit abroad in the night? As to Quasimodo—all he knew was that this girl had once been kind to him, and he was her devoted slave. Esmeralda, believeing her lover dead, was finding consolation, like many another mourner, in the bosom of Notre Dame. Dom Claude had given her hope: "My daughter, the law of sanctuary protects you pending an appeal. Until then, Mother Church will give you shelter."

Meanwhile Jehan was like a madman. He had walked the streets for twenty-four hours since he had gained entrance to Esmeralda's cell. His only consolation was that Phoebus would never again hold Esmeralda in his arms. By this time, he thought, she must be hanging from a gibbet. In a tavern where he had stopped to refresh himself, he heard the amazing tale of the day's events.

Esmeralda saved! Esmeralda in the Cathedral tower! Jehan was once more the vulture, the bird of prey. The thought of seeing Esmeralda in the flesh again, set him on fire. Let him but possess himself of Esmeralda and Satan could do his worst! This time he must not fail. Jehan glutted his eyes—his active brain was at work with dark designs—he was like a cobra looking at a dove.

Quasimodo spent the night searching through his "treasure chest"—a box laden with candle ends and trifles that his feeble mind had endowed with imaginary value. To him these candle ends were as fragments of prayers. "For her! For her! She saved my life!" Esmeralda's presence inspired Quasimodo to express his wild joy in the only way he knew. To Esmeralda it was as if her reverie had found expression from another source. There had come to her a booming whisper—a lulling reverberation—deep and sonorous, sustained, pulsing. It was Quasimodo, tolling his ecstasy. He had clambered up the ladders of the tower to where the great bell lay slumbering in the moonlight. "Awake! Awake!" he cried. At every swing the huge clapper let out a noise like muffled thunder. Finally, Quasimodo threw himself upon the bell and rode with it like a child on a mighty swing, back and forth, back and forth.

It was to such mighty music that Jehan, cloaked to his eyes, made his way like an evil bird of the night along one tortuous street after another on his way down to the Court of Miracles. When he arrived, he found the place engaged in a wild orgy. Wine for all. . . . . .

With plans all set for rescuing Esmeralda on her way to the gallows, Clopin had awaited the day announced for her execution. Arms had been hidden, men mustered form the hidden, man-made rat-holes that underlay the ancient city. The news of the long-lost Esmeralda—of how close she had been to death, of her rescue when the very gibbet had been prepared for her coming, but above all the fact that she was alive—this news had turned the Court of Miracles into a madhouse. The people danced. They sang. They caroused. It was Clopin's hospitality.

But Clopin stood apart. There was a frantic joy in his heart that he would have revealed to no man. He needed no wine. This joy was in itself a species of intoxication. He felt all things were possible to him. It amplified his natural taste for vengeance until he conceived it as a roaring hurricane which he could let loose when he would—ride it to the destruction of all that he hated. And what would he do to the King—to the State—that had wronged Esmeralda? He was prepared. Arms he had. In all the dens and hiding places of the downcast, the outlawed, the mistreated of King and Heaven, were his cohorts. Paris and France were one vast powder magazine!

It was at this juncture that Jehan, with his black cloak about him, came fluttering into the firelit courtyard like an agile crow. Jehan came straight toward Clopin and Clopin took a step toward Jehan. It seemed as predestined as the meeting of two sinister planets chartered by some dismal astrologer for a castrophe in the affairs of men. Clopin looked about him stealthily, lest he be overheard.

"Thou comest straight from Notre Dame?" he asked.

"As straight as the crow flies," Jehan replied.

"What news of the girl?" Clopin was all eagerness.

"Bad! Tomorrow at dawn she is to be surrendered to the officers of the King," Jehan was feeding hot coals to Clopin's fury.

"Ventre-Dieu! Why didst thou not bring her with thee?"

"That is no job for such as me. Canst thou not see? The hour is struck. This is the time we've been waiting for."

Clopin staggered back a little. He was like a tree struck by a big wind. He stood there swaying, gathering up all his scattered dreams, his plans, his meditations, his visions of a society re-organized. This was his hour, and he was ready for it; but it was the suddenness with which he realized it that had staggered him.

"They feared an uprising to rescue Esmeralda on her way to the gallows. To prevent bloodshed the King ordered her hanged tomorrow. They come to take her at daybreak," Jehan was explaining to him.

Suddenly, with no further look at Jehan, as if he had forgotten him completely, as no doubt he had, Clopin turned and ran toward the hogshead that served him betimes as a throne. He leapt on this, and cried:

"The hour has struck. They are about to surrender the maid to the King's officers." Shaking his fist at the rabble, he shouted: "Hear me! Come here! Come here! Come here, ye two-legged cattle, and let me tell you how to become men!"

There was an instant drift in his direction, then the people were coming on the run.

(To be continued).

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"Significant of the improvement in general business conditions," he said, "is the interest unusual for this time of year, that is being taken in motor transportation."

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To Teach at Chillicothe.

Miss Opal Orme of the Maryville State Teachers College, arrived yesterday to take charge of a division of the First grade at Central. Miss Orme will live at the L. B. Crawford home, 925 Locust, while in the city. Her mother, Mrs. Everett Orme, of Hopkins, who accompanied her here returned home Tuesday afternoon.—Chillicothe Tribune.

Mrs. Bert Hull of Quitman is visiting at the home of Mrs. Barbara Bowman on West First street.

State Parks Are Spots of Beauty

Recreation Opportunities are Plentiful in Ozark Retreats, Says Frank H. Wielandy, Game and Fish Commissioner.

Jefferson City, Feb. 13. — Health seekers will find many desirable things in the recently purchased state parks in the Ozarks region, according to Frank H. Wielandy, commissioner of the state game and fish department under whose direction the state park program is being conducted.

The climate and invigorating atmosphere should prove equally as beneficial as that in many other states, Mr. Wielandy said.

"One feature dominating the selection of our park sites is that of running water," the game commissioner said. "Every tract of land is well watered and three of them have enormous springs. Each park also is well wooded with various varieties of oak, walnut, elm and hickory trees. Many of the spots in these sanctuaries offer scenes of beauty almost beyond comprehension to those who have never visited the Ozarks."

The conservation of the rapidly diminishing wild life of the state and provision for recreation for the state's inhabitants were the principal motives behind the purchases. Five state parks already have been purchased, these having a combined acreage of 23,046, and other tracts are under consideration.

Bought With License Fees.

The purchases were made under an act of 1917, which provides that 25 per cent of the money derived from hunting and fishing license fees be set aside for state parks. Although the law was enacted eight years ago, it was only recently that any attempt was made to carry out its provisions. Every one of the purchases, according to Mr. Wielandy, was made at a bargain price.

"It is the plan," the game commissioner continued, "to reserve large sections of the parks for campers, where tents may be pitched and the pleasure of living outdoors be enjoyed free by all, subject merely to the parking regulations. The center of each park is to be surrounded with a heavy strand of wire, this marking the sanctuary for wild game where it may multiply without molestation."

Describing the parks already purchased, Mr. Wielandy said:

"The first purchase was Round Springs, in Shannon county. This tract of seventy-six acres was bought for $5,000. The place is named for the peculiar round spring that flows from behind a huge rock. The spring expels water, then sinks back into a round hole, rising again in a minute or two.

Has Bass Stream.

"Lenox tract, our next purchase, has 12,000 acres, bought for $51,000 and we will add about 2,000 acres more. This body of land is in Dent county and the center of it furnishes the head waters of the Meremec river, one of the state's scenic streams. There is another stream, known as Crooked Creek, that is celebrated for smallmouth bass.

"The Ellington tract of 6,000 acres in Reynolds county is similar to the Lenox tract and we paid $19,000 for it.

"Purchase number four was Alley Spring, just north of Eminence in Shannon county. For this body of 470 acres we paid $31,500 and after the option had been signed, a man came to me and offered me $45,000 cold cash, but we turned him down.

"The fifth purchase was Brown Spring, with 4,500 acres in Carter county, near Van Buren, for $21,000. About 2,000 acres more will be added to this tract.

"What Missouri is doing in the way of state parks looks small in comparison with such states as Pennsylvania where there are thirty-seven sanctuaries. But Missouri has made a beginning and that is something. I hope to see this idea grow and bear abundant fruit for the people of our commonwealth."

Was Not Wabash Detective.

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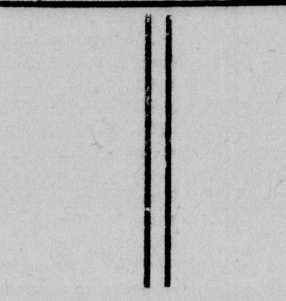

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LOST—Truck chain on Maryville-Savannah road, Wednesday. Return to Democrat-Forum. 12-14*

CANVASSERS WANTED—Popular line toilet articles. Liberal commissions. Blue Bell Products Co., 4339 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. 12-19*

LOST—Ford truck chain, near Knabb school, Thursday. Farmers 8-19. 12-14*

WANTED—Plow work, wagon work and disc sharpening. Guy Rounds Blacksmith and Wagon Maker Shop, 216 North Market. 2-28.

Textbook Bill Would Affect Schools Here

Selection of Grade Books Would Be Made By a State Commission.

Maryville public schools would be subject to the provisions of House Bill No. 115, engrossed Wednesday by an amendment introduced by Lon S. Haynes of Springfield.

The bill seeks to establish a uniformity of textbooks for the rural and elementary schools of the state by the appointment of a State Textbook Commission by the governor, with the provisions that no two of the five men on this commission shall be of the same party and that at least two of them shall be rural school teachers.

Mr. Haynes' amendment exempts school districts which have in them a city of more than 12,000 persons.

An amendment introduced by E. W. Allison, minority floor leader, to the effect that the state superintendent of schools appoint the members of the board and that one of them be an executive secretary with two assistants failed to pass the house.

Considerable opposition on the part of Mr. Allison and others indicated that the bill will meet a strong fight when it again comes up.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Corwin and daughter, Miss Mae Corwin, returned last night from Excelsior Springs where they had been for ten days. Miss May Corwin visited with Miss Madge Boyd in Kansas City.

Market Report

Chicago, Feb. 13.—CATTLE—Receipts 5,000.
HOGS—Receipts 43,000.
SHEEP—Receipts 11,000.

St. Louis, Feb. 13.—CATTLE—Receipts 1,800.
HOGS—Receipts 10,000.
SHEEP—Receipts 1,000.

Kansas City, Feb. 13.—CATTLE—Receipts 550.
HOGS—Receipts 5,500.
SHEEP—Receipts 3,000.

St. Joesph, Feb. 13.—CATTLE—Receipts 800.
HOGS—Receipts 5,000; top $11.00.
SHEEP—Receipts 3,000.
Cattle steady; hogs 10 cents higher.

LOCAL MARKETS

Heavy Hens, lb	18c
Springs, per lb	16c
Light hens, lb	13c
Geese, per lb	12c
Ducks, lb	12c
Leghorn and black springs, lb	13c
Cocks, lb	7c
Cream, per lb	32c
Eggs, per dozen	30c
Hides, per lb	7c

FOR RENT—160 acre farm, well improved. Wm. Everhart, Farmers 56-11; Hanamo 5. 12-16

$10,000,000 Company wants man to sell Watkins Home Necessities in Maryville. More than 150 used daily. Income $35-$50 weekly. Experience unnecessary. Write Dept. H-6. The J. R. Watkins Company, 19th and Campbell Sts., Kansas City, Mo. 13-16*

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FOR RENT—Some good Nodaway County farms. Inquire Roy Hanna. 10-tf

WANTED—Every home owner in Nodaway County, to plant our home-grown fruit trees, and all kinds of good nursery stock. Why deal with mail order houses, or agents, when you can get fresher stock and better values, right at home? Murray Nurseries, Maryville, Mo. J.19-F.19.

ROOMS for rent—modern home. 103 West First street. D2tf

FOR SALE

5 room cottage on paved street; modern, $4500.

4 room and bath, modern, good location, $2500; $750 cash.

6 room nearly new bungalow; modern, well located, $7500.

5 room cottage, modern, full basement, $4000.

7 room cottage, full lot, $1750, $250 cash, balance $20 per month.

5 room cottage, fine lot West; $1850. Easy terms.

Building lot, walk in; $400.

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Phone 3255. 109½ E. Fourth St.

Ether Waves

Pickering

O. G. Null.

Bryan Hanna and family moved last week from the J. H. Hanna farm south east of town to the adjoining farm owned by B. C. Clayton which Mr. Hanna will operate this season.

Dell Hyde who recently purchased the dray business of the W. A. Lock has rented the Jesse Carter property in the south part of town and expects to occupy it within a few days. Mr. Carter has rented the Hyde farm northeast of town and will move to it at the same time Mr. Hyde is moving to town. Cecil Hyde is driving the dray wagon until his father gets moved to town.

Wilson Ferguson and family have moved from the John Ferguson farm owned by Hiram Caudle southwest of Long Branch which they will operate this season.

Miss Ruby Judd of Mozingo Valley neighborhood returned the first of the week from near Malvern, Iowa where she had been visiting relatives the past two weeks. Her brother Jesse went to Malvern last week and returned home with her.

Miss Bonnie Embree of Clarinda Iowa is visiting here this week at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. M. Sparks.

The roads have been in very bad condition all week and travel with motor car is suspended except on the main highways. There is a number of cars on the State Highway each day though the gravel road used as a detour of Highway No. 27 south of Union school house is said to be in bad condition.

Auction sales are becoming quite numerous and other signs of annual moving day are in evidence. There will be the usual amount of shifting about in this vicinity.

Mrs. Sarah Awalt Kelly one of the oldest residents of this community passed away at the home of her son Orlen O. Kelly on Thursday afternoon about five o'clock.

She was the widow of Henry J. Kelly who passed away at their home in Maryville last May. She with her husband lived on a farm in Mozingo Valley neighborhood from their marriage until about 12 years ago when they moved to Maryville.

She was well known in this community and leaves a host of friends to mourn her departure. Besides son Orlen, a daughter Mrs. E. O. Wray resides near Mozingo Valley. Her other children are in western states. Funeral arrangements await word from them.

School Notes.

Mrs. Ernest Ingles and Mrs. Alva Ingles visited in the grades and high school Thursday. We welcome these visitors because we feel they are interested. We hope others will fall in line.

The Sophomore Class gave the following program in assembly Thursday morning to commemorate the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

Song, America, by the school.
Essay, Abraham Lincoln, Zoe Keith.
Reading, Death of Lincoln, Helen Ulmer.
Song, Battle Hymn of the Republic, school.

Misses Pauline Swinford and Hildred Hinton visited high school Tuesday.

The seniors were very successful with their market on last Saturday. $29 was cleared.

The regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association will be postponed on account of the revival meeting at the M. E. Church.

M. E. Church Notes.

Services, Sunday, Feb. 15, as follows: Myrtle Tree, Sunday School at 10 a. m.; Pickering, Sunday School at 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m., and at 7:30 p. m. The revival continues with increasing attendance. Service each evening at 7:30 p. m. We urge the people to attend these services. We are endeavoring to build up the moral life of our community. We invite all to help in this work. We appreciate your presence and help. A cordial welcome is extended to all to come.

E. W. Croy, Pastor.

Christian Church.

We were sorry to have to postpone the banquet of Nodaway County Churches of Christ which was to be at Pickering last Thursday. But because of the condition of the roads it was necessary. We hope to have it, however, as soon as possible. A good program was being prepared, the ladies were planning the best feed of the season, and we were expecting a large crowd. We will still keep our eye on those three goals when the time comes.

Services last Sunday morning were well attended, considering the roads. There was no evening services because of the rain.

The Young People's Union is to be congratulated upon the good start and fine programs. In spite of bad weather and roads they are going forward.

Next Sunday services: Morning, Bible School, communion, and sermon. General subject, "Christ in the Garden." Evening, 7:30, sermon "The Weakness of the Old Covenant," third in the series.

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PUBLIC SALE

Having rented my farm, I will sell at auction at my farm, 4 miles north, 1½ miles east of Burlington depot, 4½ miles southeast of Pickering, 1½ mile west of Myrtle Tree, the following property, at 10 o'clock—

Monday, Feb. 16

6 HORSES—Pair of black mares 7 and 11 years old, weight about 2800; pair of bay mares 7 and 10 years old, weight about 2400; pair of horses 5 and 6 years old, weight 3000.

CATTLE—3 cows, registered, giving milk, good ones; 3 calves; 1 roan Shorthorn bull, registered.

HOGS—30 head of brood sows and gilts; 63 head of fall pigs weighing from 50 to 125 lbs; 1 registered Spotted Poland-China boar.

IMPLEMENTS—Endgate seeder; 16-16 Janesville disc; grain binder, McCormick 6-ft; Standard mower, 5 ft.; corn planter; lister; 1 hay rake; 2-row stalk cutter; John Deere 14-inch gang plow; Oliver 16-inch sulky plow; Jenny Lind spring trip walking cultivator; low wheel wagon and box; set 1½ inch Concord harness; set 1½ inch back band harness; hand corn sheller; hog waterer, troughs and barrels, etc.

GRAIN—700 bus. good yellow corn; a few tons of alfalfa hay; about 25 shocks of fodder and corn; 10-12 bus. of good yellow seed corn.

USUAL TERMS.

W. L. Bagley

R. P. Hosmer, Auct. First National Bank, Clerk.

Lunch by V. F. W. and Ladies' Auxiliary.

INDEPENDENCE.

The play entitled, "Too Much Married," was given last Friday night at the community meeting. Cast of characters: Mr. Bob Henshaw, who needed a wife and baby, Mrs. Glen Thomas; Miss Cordelia, Bob's housekeeper, Mrs. Gaylord Reynolds; Uncle Silas, Bob's rich uncle, Mrs. Clark Gray; Sally, Bob's cook, Mrs. Chas. Wallace; Jeremiah Finnegan, Bob's gardener, Mrs. Burl Hess. A general good time was had by all present. Several selections on violin and organ, also three vocal numbers. As the ladies were a little short of help and it was a ladies' program, three of the good brothers donned ladies' attire, and helped out. Supper was served by the men, consisting of fresh oysters, crackers, pickles and coffee. We had a full house. Come again.

Miss Miller went home after the play, Friday evening and came back Sunday night.

Clark Gray, Will Simpson, Raleigh Cable, Adrian and Laverne Reynolds cleaned the school house, Saturday p. m.

Everett Grays and Oll Gregorys attended the program at Hickory Grove, Friday evening.

Paul Gregory spent the week end with his parents.

Stanford Pence attended the funeral of Mrs. Pence's uncle, Saturday p. m.

Clark Gray and family spent Sunday p. m., with Mr. and Mrs. Marion Crawford.

Gaylord Reynolds and family and J. E. Hornbuckle, wife and daughter of Clarinda, spent Sunday at Chas. Hornbuckle's.

Sunday evening visitors at Gaylord Reynolds' were Mr. and Mrs. Clark Gray and son.

Virginia Hess spent the week end with her uncle, E. N. Gray and family.

Adrian Reynolds spent Tuesday night with Everett Kellogg, and enjoyed the radio program.

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HOLT SUPPLY COMPANY

No Definite Action Taken for Drainage

Plan To Distribute Costs Among Three Parties for Cost of Draining Land At Barnard.

Nothing definite was decided yesterday at the conference of the county court with the town board of Barnard and officials of the Burlington Railroad in regard to drainage of a tract of land adjacent to the Burlington tracks at Barnard.

Judge E. T. Bailey, presiding judge of the county court, said today, however, that it is almost certain definite action will be taken on the project before, as the higher officials of the Burlington Railroad will have to O. K. the proceedings.

The result of the conference was that the Barnard town board would contribute 25 per cent towards cost of the drainage and that the Railroad Company and the county court split 50-50 on the remaining 75 per cent of the costs.

Urges All Schools to Compete in Contest

County-Wide Spelling Match To Be Held February 21—$100 In Gold To Be Given As Prizes.

Letters have been sent to about seventeen or eighteen high schools in the county urging them to send contestants to the spelling contest to be held at Maryville February 21. The schools will have an elimination sometime within the near future. There will be two contestants from each high school.

The prizes will be one hundred dollars in gold. The first prize will be $25; second, $20; third, fourth, and fifth, $10 each; sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth, $5 each.

With the letters went a list of 1,000 words out of which there will be 200 given.

At the local contest for elimination Mr. Ziegler expects to give a few prizes to the winners.

Member of Co-Op Commission Firm Asks Injunction

U. A. Anderson Seeks to Prevent Immediate Distribution of Earnings.

(St. Joseph Gazette).

U. A. Anderson, a farmer of Nodaway County, Mo., is endeavoring to prevent the Farmers Livestock Commission company from immediately distributing its excess earnings for 1924 by means of an injunction suit filed in the federal court Thursday. The application for the injunction will be argued before Judge A. L. Reeves, in the United States court in Kansas City at 10 Saturday morning. Anderson is a member of the commission firm, which is a co-operative concern.

The application follows the filing of an equity suit in which it is sought to determine the manner in which the company's earnings may be distributed and yet comply with the law. This case was not filed in time for trial at the May term and, therefore, cannot be heard until September. The injunction is asked to prevent the distribution of earnings until the equity case is adjudicated.

Law Fixes Charges.

The Packer and Stockyards act, the petition states, provided a rate of charges for services rendered patrons by commission firms and avers that it is unlawful for any person or firm to charge less or more than the stated rate, except that a co-operative association of producers may return to its members on a patronage basis its excess earnings.

The petition charges that the defendant has admitted not only actual producers, but corporations dealing in hay, grain, fuel, and other mercantile pursuits into the membership, while they are not actual producers and are not entitled by law to a share of the earnings.

The practice of the commission company in declaring anyone who sent stock to the company a member of the organization upon the receipt of the stock, and allowing them to participate in the disposal of the excess earnings, is also condemned in the petition.

Mr. Anderson, who was a member of the company before he consigned any stock to it, feels, so the petition states, that should the company divide the money as the officials now intend, he will not receive his rightful share of the excess profits.

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Bloomdale W. W. Club.

A miscellaneous shower was given for Mrs. Vilas McClurg, a recent bride, at the meeting of the Bloomdale Willing Workers Club at the home of Mrs. Edmund Harvey. Bible verses formed the roll call responses. After the business period a short program on Lincoln was given. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Bart Shannon and Mrs. Vilas McClurg, served refreshments. Guests of the club were Mrs. Tom McClurg, Miss DeLoris McClurg and Mrs. Vilas McClurg. These members were present: Mrs. Walter Runnels, Mrs. Parl Runnels, Mrs. Guy Pfeiffer, Mrs. Orville Gray, Mrs. Claire Conley, Mrs. Chance Copeland, Mrs. Will Lett and Mrs. Albert Hinton. The birthday bag will be opened at the next meeting February 26 at the home of Mrs. Albert Hinton.

Mrs. Eunice Parr, Mrs. Carl Wray and Paul Medsker of Guilford were visiting in Maryville today.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kernan and son, Glenn of Bedford, Ia., were Maryville visitors today.

J. S. Knepper and G. W. Knepper of Tarkio were business visitors in Maryville today.

Ben Thompson of Bedison was a Maryville visitor today.

Welton Wallace, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wallace has been quite sick with flu. Dr. Wiley was called to see him.

Gladys Hornbuckle spent the week end with home folks.

Oland Ringgold and wife and Mrs. Lester Ringgold spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Neal.

BANK OF HEALTH

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Scott's Emulsion

is the food-tonic, rich in vitamins that helps thousands realize dividends on their deposits in the bank of health.

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MULE SALE

Dr. E. R. Lindley will sell at his farm, ½ mile north of Stanberry, Mo., on the Jefferson Highway on Wednesday, February 18, at 1 p. m., 30 head of big farm mules, broke. They weigh from 1150 to 1400 pounds and are fat, and their hair is good.

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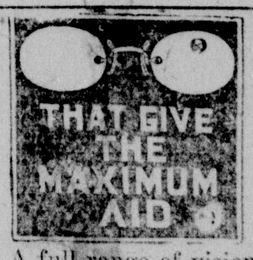

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Sports

BEARCATS IN GOOD SHOWING

DEFEAT FORMIDABLE TARKIO QUINT BY A 36 TO 26 SCORE.

EXPECT BATTLE TONITE

Bearcat Cage Crew Will Journey To Tarkio for Return Game—Cubs Defeated By Barnard Team.

The College Bearcats are going good again but lack considerable of being in top-season form. Last night they carried the fight to the formidable Tarkio College cage team and won in a 36 to 26 manner.

The State Teachers College coach employed one of Knute Rockne's favorite football tricks of starting his second crew and then inserting the regulars when the battle became close.

Ellis and Pierpoint at forwards and Aldrich at the pivot position were the choice of Coach Lawrence for the offensive positions and Smith and Masters started at guards. Smith and Aldrich being the only regular men in the opening line-up. This team battled the Tarks for nearly the entire first half and the offensive attack of the quintet kept them in the lead over the Tarkio team. The crew that started the game was "Red Hot" during the first few minutes and were in the lead the entire time. The general good floor work of Aldrich and Ellis was to be commended. "Doc" Pirpoint flipped in the first field goal for the Teachers from a difficult angle.

Near the close of the half Coach Lawrence sent Blomfield, Peoples, and Joy into the game and the contest became lively. The half ended with Maryville holding a 16 to 13 lead over the Tarkio rivals.

In the second half Peoples and Aldrich battled hard from under the loop and began to pile up points. Blomfield was especially adept at breaking up the Tarkio offensive and despite some ragged passing played one of his best games on the local court.

The final count was 36 to 26. Peoples accounted for fifteen points and Aldrich thirteen. White, Tarkio forward, was the visiting high-point man.

Tonight the Bearcats journey to the camp of the Tarks for a return game. The Tark is a wiley opponent and always has a few tricks left in his bag for the final game with the Bearcats. The two teams are ancient rivals and a real battle is to be expected.

The College Cub team lost another 21 to 20 contest when the Barnard Blizzards emerged from behind and scored a victory in the last two minutes of play, similar to the victory scored by the Central Eagles over the Cubs last week.

Coach Jones was badly handicapped by the absence of Beam, star center, being sick in bed. The reconstructed Cub line-up, however, did itself credit and battled hard during the entire game. With a three-point lead the Cubs attempted to stall for time but a Barnard man eluded the Cub defense and slipped the ball through the meshes.

Baldwin at center and Davison at forward were the leading scorers for the Cub team. Goforth counted for nine for the visiting team's points.

TARKIO (26)

	F.G.	F.T.
White, f	6	0
Walker, f	0	0
Martin, c	2	1
Wood, g	0	0
Nicholl, g	0	0
Harbison, f	1	1
Westbrook, g	1	0
Nuckells, f	2	0
Melchar, g	0	0

Dubin of Bedford, Ia., referee.

BEARCATS (36)

	F.G.	F.T.
Ellis, f	1	0
Pierpoint, f	1	0
Blomfield, c	1	0
Masters, g	0	0
Smith, g	0	0
Peoples, f	6	3
Aldrich, c	6	1
Joy, g	1	0

Substitutions: Peoples for Ellis, Crane for Pierpoint, Aldrich for Blomfield, Culp for Masters, Joy for Smith.

CUBS (20)

	F.G.	F.T.
Davis, f	0	0
Davison, f	3	0
Baldwin, c	5	0
Beam, g	0	0
Pollard, g	1	1
Prater, g	0	1

Substitutions: Barrett for Davis, Prater for Beam, Masters for Pollard.

BARNARD (21)

	F.G.	F.T.
Robison, f	2	0
Goforth, f	4	1
McKee, c	2	2
Enton, g	1	0
Campbell, g	0	0

Substitutions: Cotter for McKee.

Ziegler Goes to Athletic Meeting at St. Joseph

L. E. Ziegler, superintendent of schools, will go to St. Joseph tomorrow to attend a meeting of superintendents of ten high schools in Northwest Missouri, to discuss the proposition of establishing an athletic conference among these ten schools.

The schools that will be represented are:

Maryville, Trenton, Chillicothe, Excelsior Springs, Liberty, Cameron and the four St. Joseph high schools, namely, Benton, Central, Robidoux and Lafayette.

Harold G. Ebert, athletic director at the Maryville High School, may attend as the Spoofhounds play at St. Joseph tonight, and then from St. Joseph to play at Cameron tomorrow. The conference will be held at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon at the Robidoux Hotel.

An athletic conference, which would not supplant by existing Northwest Missouri High School Association, has been in the minds of several of the high school officials in the larger towns for the last two or three years, and now somewhat of a definite conference has been suggested, the details of which will be worked out later, if such an organization is formulated.

The St. Joseph News-Press last night stated that Central High School of St. Joseph had been invited to attend the conference of superintendents but officials of the institution say they cannot enter such a league.

West Virginia Coach to Washington Univ.

Robert A. Higgins Has Developed Winning Teams at West Virginia Wesleyan Since 1919—3-Year Contract.

St. Louis, Feb. 13.—Robert A. Higgins, 31, coach at West Virginia Wesleyan since 1919, has signed a three-year contract as football coach at Washington university, Dr. William Edmunds, director of athletics, announced yesterday. The terms of the contract were not announced.

Higgins played with Penn State and was all-American end in 1916 and 1919. During 1917 and 1918 he played with the Eighty-Ninth division team in France, which won the football championship of the American Expeditionary Forces. "Poge" Lewis and "Potsy" Clark were teammates.

Higgins' team last year scored victories over Syracuse and Navy.

Several weeks ago Washington university officials made it known they were willing to pay as high as $10,000 or $15,000 a year for a coach who could develop a winning team. William Roper of Princeton and Frank Murray of Marquette university were offered the coachship, but did not accept. Numerous applications were received.

Higgins succeeds A. B. Wimberly, who took over the coaching duties at Washington university last fall. In midseason he was replaced by a "board of strategy" and later he resigned.

TRENTON

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VS.

MARYVILLE

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS HERE TONIGHT AT THE HIGH SCHOOL GYM 8 o'Clock.

Ebert Takes Nine Men on a Two-Game Trip

Will Play Benton Tonight and Cameron Tomorrow Night—Leave on Afternoon Train.

Coach Harold G. Ebert and nine Spoofhound basketeers left at 4:48 o'clock this afternoon for a two-game trip. This evening the local high school cage team plays Benton High School of St. Joseph. Saturday the squad will go to Cameron to play there that night.

The men that made the trip with Coach Ebert:

Captain Cockayne, Kissinger, Tindall, Smith, Petty, Gibson, McMurry, Wagner and Robey. Mr. Ebert said he would start the following men tonight:

Kissinger, Smith, Cockayne, Petty and Gibson.

Takes Eleven Men to Tarkio for 2nd Game

A Bearcat basketball squad of eleven men and H. Frank Lwarence, coach, will leave late this afternoon for Tarkio, to meet the Tarkio cagers in a return game there tonight.

The men that made the trip:

Captain Blomfield, Aldrich, Crane, Ellis, Pierpoint, Peoples, Smith, Joy, Culp, Masters, Chick.

COURT SCORES.

Bearcats 36, Tarkio 26.
Cubs 20, Barnard Blizzards 21.
Kansas 22, Washington 19.
Oklahoma 30, Drake 27.

WANTED—Boys and girls to sell soap and win prizes at Reimer's Market, Saturday at 8 a. m.

Taste a Z Bar MADE BY Chase's New Candy

"Christine of Hungry Heart" at the Empire

If you were a woman who craved the love of a husband and—

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Would you run away with a poet to seek happiness?

This was the problem of Christine Madison. She did run away with the poet—or started to—when her whole plan for the happiness she had so long sought was upset by the loss of her five-year old son.

Christine Madison is the heroine in the Thomas H. Ince-First National picture, "Christine of the Hungry Heart," to be shown at the Empire Theater tonight and tomorrow.

The part of Christine is taken by Miss Florence Vidor, who brings a wealth of ability and experience into her portrayal of the role. And she is supported by four leading men, not one. They are Warner Baxter as the unfaithful husband, Clive Brook as the neglectful husband, Ian Keith as the poet and Walter Hiers who plays the part of her sympathetic brother.

The story is from the successful novel of the same name by Kathleen Norris.

Examination Questions Are Sent Out Today

Examination questions for the third term of the schools in Nodaway County were sent out to the teachers today by Leslie G. Somerville, county superintendent. The third term examinations are set for February 19 and 20.

Mr. Somerville said that the examination questions are prepared by the state educational department and revised to fit the text books used in this country by the county superintendent of schools.

CALL FOR WARRANTS

1921 Bridge Warrants up to and including No. 767 of March 16, 1921 issue are now payable.

All warrants issued on Jury fund are now payable. Interest to cease February 18, 1925.

MRS. EDITH GLENN, County Terasurer.

ELECTRIC THEATRE

Matinee Sat. 2:30—4:10. Night 7:30 and 9:00—Saturday admission 10c-30c.

LAST TIME TONIGHT, 7:30 and 9:30 — "THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME." Featuring Lon Chaney. Admission 25c and 50c.

SATURDAY, FEB. 14—

Bellie Dove and Betty Blythe in "The Folly of Vanity"

A modern human interest story based on a woman's vanity. Also a two reel western—Pete Morrison in "THE HIDDEN BADGE."

Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 16 and 17—HOOT GIBSON in "THE RIDIN' KID FROM POWDER RIVER." From the novel by the same name by Henry Herbert Knibbs.

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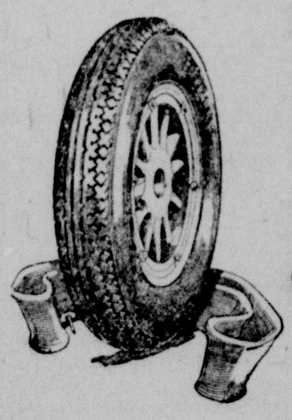

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BAKER'S ACT DRAWS FIRE

PIERCE OUSTER IS DENOUNCED BY SEN. W. R. PAINTER.

WHERE WILL IT END?

Senator M. E. Ford of Maryville and Senator Anderson of St. Louis Will Oppose Naming of Bloker.

Jefferson City, Feb. 13.—The action of Governor Baker yesterday in reorganizing the board of managers of the state eleemosynary institutions by ousting W. C. (Cal) Pierce, Maryville Republican, virtually destroys the non-political spirit of the law under which the board was created.

That is the view taken by Senator W. R. Painter, Democrat, president pro tempore of the senate.

"The governor might as well name only Republican members for the board," Senator Painter declared.

The president pro tempore indicated the Democratic majority in the senate would go slowly in confirming Carl F. Bloker, the successor to Mr. Pierce, and the three other board members appointed yesterday. Mr. Painter and several other senate members showed displeasure over the governor's injection of personal politics into a bi-partisan board.

Senator Painter declared the apparent violation of the spirit of the anti nepotism amendment to the state constitution in attempting to force the appointment of George Gilpin, the governor's brother-in-law, was not in itself a matter of great public concern.

Where Will It End?

"The intention of the law of 1921 creating a bi-partisan board for the state eleemosynary institutions," he continued, "was to take these institutions out of politics. The principle was to be followed whether the governor was a Republican or a Democrat. If the governor may step in now and dictate his choice of steward for one of the state hospitals, what is to stand in the way for him to appoint a superintendent, a nurse, or fill the other jobs in these institutions?"

The ousting of "Cal" Pierce is expected to cause resentment in the Republican organization of Northwest Missouri, in which Mr. Pierce is a leader. The hostility began even before Mr. Baker was inaugurated.

Mr. Pierce is a close political friend of W. F. Phares, Republican state chairman, who has made no attempt to conceal his chagrin at Mr. Baker's refusal to recognize the state committee organization. Mr. Pierce has been a close political friend of ex-Governor Hyde also, and is aligned with Dr. E. B. Clements, member of the Republican national committee. Dr. Clements and Mr. Phares virtually have been ignored by the new state administration.

At the meeting of the eleemosynary board here two weeks ago, when the first revolt took place against Governor Baker's appointments, Mr. Pierce called on the governor in his office. At tht conference, Mr. Pierce plainly said if the board knuckled to the governor's desires on the two appointments the non-political nature of the governing board for the state institutions caring for seven thousand unfortunates would suffer a severe blow. Mr. Pierce called attention to the pledge of the Republican state platform of 1920, under which was passed the law removing the eleemosynary institutions from partisan politics.

Jobs Held by Democrats.

The governor has been quoted as saying he intended to go through with his plan to have the eleemosynary board appoint Luther Wilson, a Democrat and Knights of Pythias lodge brother of the governor, as steward at the state hospital in Nevada. Failure of the old board at its meeting here two weeks ago to make a place for Mr. Wilson was as much the cause for the ousting of Mr. Pierce as the board's refusal to make a place at St. Joseph for Mr. Gilpin.

Mr. Gilpin, a Republican, is slated for the place in the state hospital at St. Joseph now held by C. C. Graves, a Democrat, whom the board members have declared an efficient steward. Mr. Wilson is slated for the place at Nevada held by T. E. Dumphy, a Democrat.

When the governor was state superintendent of schools, Mr. Gilpin was an assistant in Mr. Baker's office. Mr.

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Increase in Business Failures Last Year

20,615 Concerns and 757 Banks Fail In 1924, Federal Reserve Board Announces Today.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Commercial failures in 1924 numbered 20,615 concerns and 757 banks, the federal reserve board announced today.

Liabilities involved amounted to $543,224,559, exclusive of banks, a slight increase over 1923.

Liabilities were the highest on record in the Kansas City and Richmond districts.

Of the bank failures, 79 per cent were not members of the federal reserve system; of member banks, 129 were national and 34 state banks and trust companies.

The greatest proportion of bank failures occurred in the Kansas City, Chicago and Minneapolis districts.

More Than 300 Attend Annual Charity Ball

Is Declared Big Success In Every Way—About $175 Will Be Cleared, It Is Estimated.

From the time Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Romasser led the grand march at 9 o'clock last night, the opening event of the Second Annual Charity Ball, sponsored by the St. Mary's Social Guild of the St. Mary's Church, at the W. O. W. Hall, until 12:30 o'clock, more than 300 persons enjoyed an evening of old time and modern dances.

It was estimated that the St. Mary's Social Guild would clear about $175, A. J. Blatter, general chairman, said this morning. One half of the net proceeds will be given to the Maryville Welfare Board and the rest goes to the St. Mary's Charity fund.

Although the advance sale of tickets was not as great as last year the attendance to the Second Annual Charity Ball was fully as large.

Tarpley's Orchestra furnished the music for the square dances in the east room of the W. O. W. Hall. Here couples waited in line to participate in the dances. The west room of the hall was crowded with dancers. The Yehle orchestra furnished the music in the west room.

Punch was served during the evening in the east room and refreshments of sandwiches and coffee served in the hall between the two rooms of the W. O. W. Hall.

All the rooms were decorated in Valentine emblems. Large hearts adorned the walls, with vari-sized hearts of red cardboard and kewpie dolls strung from wires overhead.

In every way the Second Annual Charity Ball was declared a big success by all who attended and St. Mary's Social Guild is gratified for the result of its efforts.

C. of C. Dinner at St. Mary's Monday

Dinner Will Be Served at 6:15 o'Clock by the St. Anne's Society of That Church.

The Chamber of Commerce dinner Monday evening will be held at the St. Mary's Church and will be served by the St. Anne's Society of that church. According to an announcement today, the dinner bell will ring at 6:15 o'clock and if you're not on time you're the loser.

The women are invited to attend the dinner. After dinner, J. B. Sheridan, secretary of the Public Utility association, will speak.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Eckhouse of Conception attended the second annual Charity Ball given here last night.

IT'S SOMETHING GOOD.

At first all goes well with this Northwest Missouri boy. He is poor but popular and when the great John Boland, head of all the Boland industries, begins to favor him, he rapidly prospers. His head is a bit turned and there is a reason other than his rising fortunes. The hero-cynic, fresh from France, had said, "Women? I've seen 'em all!" Again the Fates smiled and brought Miss Billie Boland home to Edgewater.

Billie sees this hero facing a mob bent on lynching a tricky lawyer. The young veteran turns them from their purpose by throwing the noose about his own neck and then daring them to pull the rope. This incident thrills the imperious beauty and arouses in her an interest she has not felt before for any man.

Watch for tomorrow's Democrat-Forum.

FOURTH HIKE IN GAS PRICE

LIQUID NOW SELLS FOR 22.2 CENTS PER GALLON.

KEROSENE IS UP TOO

Crude Oil Advance Blamed By Refiners As Real Reason for Advance —Small Profit Made By Dealers.

For the fourth time within a month the price of gasoline has advanced at the local filling stations together with others in Missouri. An increase of 2 cents per gallon was announced in Maryville this morning, bringing the liquid up to 22.2 cents per gallon, tax included.

A price hike of 1 cent a gallon on Kerosene was also announced by local dealers for the first time within several months.

The advance in crude oil quotations is offered as an explanation by refiners of the upward trend of gasoline.

As one local dealer said this morning, it is difficult to understand why crude oil should be advanced in price. He pointed out that less gasoline is sold in January and February than in any other months in the year, so the answer cannot be found in the economic law of supply and demand. During the summer months, the local dealer continued, there is a great demand for gasoline, yet the price level is more steady than it has been during the last four weeks when the demand is at its lowest.

But the increase in the price of gasoline does not benefit the filling station man, it was said. The increase goes to the refiners and the man "back in Wall street."

The Democrat-Forum reporter was shown price quotations this morning which reveal that the filling station owner makes less than 1 cent profit on each gallon of gasoline sold. Every time the price is advanced 1 cent or 2 cents, the wholesale prices are increased just this amount.

The fact of the matter is the wholesale prices have advanced in a far greater proportion than the retail prices, it was pointed out this morning. Because of this, the filling station owner is making less money now than he was a year ago.

And relief is not in sight yet. It is predicted there will be another increase in gasoline prices within the next week or two.

Societies Are Tied Honors in Contest

Philomatheans and Eurekans Score Two Victories Each in Competition Being Held at College This Week.

The Philomathean and Eurekan literary societies are now tied for honors in the literary society contest which is being held at the College this week end, both having scored two victories.

Yesterday the Philomathean debate team successfully defended the negative side of the question, "Resolved, That Capital Punishment Should Be Abolished," and won a two-to-one decision over the affirmative which was supported by the Eurekans.

The Philomathean team was composed of David Nicholson and Wilson Craig. Burdette Yeo and Fred Street composed the Eurekan team.

Wayie McKee, speaking on the subject, "The Constitution, the Supreme Law of the Land," won first place in the extemporaneous contest. Miss McKee was the representative of the Philomathean society.

Ermile Coler of the Eurekan Society won second place with his talk, "Abraham Lincoln and the Constitution." Walden LeMaster of the Excelsior Society spoke on, "Why We Should Respect the Constitution."

Laura Margaret Raines of the Eurekan Society won first in the sight reading contest. Ethel Kaufman of the Excelsior Society tied Grace Foster of the Philomathean Society for second place.

Ellis Cook, T. H. Cummins, and the Rev. R. E. Snodgrass were the judges of the contest.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Rilea and daughter, Lois, returned yesterday from Osceola, Ia., where they went Friday called by the death of Mr. Rilea's father, T. F. Rilea. The funeral was held Monday afternoon, and burial was in Maple Hill cemetery.

Eugene Malone of Conception was visiting in Maryville today.

Mrs Henry J. Kelly Dies at Home of Son

Death Came at 5 o'Clock Yesterday Afternoon to 69-Year-Old Maryville Woman.

Mrs. Sarah Kelly, one of the older residents of the Pickering community, died at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the home of her son, Orlen O. Kelly, near Pickering. Mrs. Kelly had been at the St. Francis hospital for treatment and was taken to her son's home the first of the week.

No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

Mrs. Kelly was 69 years old on October 6, 1924. Her husband, Henry J. Kelly, died in Maryville last May. The Kellys lived on a farm in the Mozingo Valley neighborhood from their marriage until about twelve years ago, when they moved to Maryville.

Mrs. Kelly is survived by the following children:

Mrs. Gertrude Craig, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Thomas W. Kelly, Fort Benton, Mont., J. Edward Kelly, Corvallis, Mont.; Ross Kelly, Torrance, Cal.; Mrs. Edith Wray, Pickering; and Orlen Kelly, Pickering.

HOUSE PASSES EXPENSE BILL

IT CARRIES APPROPRIATION OF $14,800,000.

START INVESTIGATIONS

Senate to Inquire Into Rising Costs of Electricity, Gasoline, Tobacco and Oft-Attacked Railroads.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The 1925-26 legislative appropriation bill carrying $14,800,000 for the expenses of Congress during the fiscal year beginning July 1 was passed by the House this afternoon.

Washington, Feb. 13.—After a year's vacation, the Senate today was in the throes of another epidemic of investigations.

Instead of centering of oil leases of the department of justice as it did last spring, the Senatorial spotlight has now turned on more commonplace subjects such as gasoline, tobacco, bread and electricity and the oft-attacked railroads.

The trend of the new epidemic has been to find out the whyfore of the present high cost of living, who is responsible and what can be done to bring back the old-time "normalcy."

Equalize Value 4th District February 24

Tax Commission Will Hear Claims For Adjustments for This County On That Date.

Fred Smith, county clerk, received a communication from Roy A. McCoy, secretary of the Tax Commission, that this body will hear applications for adjustments on the 1925 taxes in the fourth and fifth congressional districts at Jefferson City, on February 24.

Mr. McCoy says in his letter to Mr. Smith:

"The State Tax Commission is now engaged in equalizing the valuation of real and personal property between the counties of the state for taxes of 1925, preparatory for submission to the state Board of Equalization for final action. Before certifying the valuations to the State Board of Equalization we desire to give the taxpayers of each county an opportunity to be heard.

"We suggest that you take up this matter with the county court, the farm organizations, commercial clubs and other organizations or individuals interested in the matters of taxation so that if they desire to have any representatives appear before the Tax Commission they may do so upon February 24.

"Representatives of your county may appear, personally or you may file written suggestions and opinions relative to the valuations which you think should be placed on the property of Nodaway County. If representatives appear in person, may we suggest that so far as possible they submit written data in order that the Tax Commission may give the matter careful consideration after the hearings are over."

Miss Mayme Bloom of Barnard is spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gram, Sr.

LABOR WANTS STATE SURETY

DOES NOT APPROVE OF PRIVATE INSURANCE.

WOULD AID SOLDIERS

Bill Extends Time of Filing for Bonus —Would Require County Treasurers To Handle Auto Licenses.

Jefferson City, Feb. 13.—Unless state insurance is guaranteed in the workmen's compensation bill now before the House of Representatives, and other clauses are eliminated, organized labor will fight the measure to the limit.

This was the message brought here today by Cliff Langsdale, Kansas City attorney, who represents various labor organizations.

The question of private or state insurance still is the bone of contention between labor factions and the Associated Industries of Missouri, the latter sponsoring the bill.

The attempt to place a workmen's compensation law upon the statute books after fourteen years of struggle in the state apparently has not made any headway. The committee probably will draft a new bill within a week with amendments. The bill is then expected to be reported favorably and submitted to the House.

Jefferson City, Feb. 13.—The House today passed a bill extending the time for soldiers of the World War to file applications for the state bonus to December 31 of this year.

The bill was introduced and sponsored by Representative David Peters of Jefferson City, who declared that 5,000 Missouri soldiers had not yet filed applications for their bonus when the time expired.

Jefferson City, Feb. 13.—A bill introduced in the Senate today would change the registration of automobiles from the office of the Secretary of State and place it in the offices of the various county treasurers and would place the collection of license fees with the treasurers.

The bill, similar to those defeated in the last two sessions of the Legislature, was offered by Senator Hildreth of Macon.

Jefferson City, Feb. 13.—A bill which authorize the payment into the firemen's pension fund of cities having an organized paid fire department of money received from an occupational tax on insurance companies was introduced in the Senate today by Senator James Summers of Kansas City. The money would be used to pension firemen and in relief of firemen's widows and children.

Three Killed in Feud and Another Injured

Man Returning Home From Serving Jail Sentence Slays Wife and Two Others—Kills Himself.

Caldwell, Idaho, Feb. 13. — Three persons are dead today and a fourth dying, the climax to a war of long standing. Lester Bowman, returning home from a six months' jail sentence, shot and killed his wife, Walter Bell, a former friend, wounded perhaps fatally Mrs. Bonita Tracy, and then turned the gun on himself committing suicide.

K. C. Woman Robbed of Jewels and Cash

Fugitive Robber Escapes From Home of Mrs. William A. Durham With $10,000 In Gems and Currency.

Kansas City, Feb. 13.—Mrs. William A. Durham, widow of a wealthy stock man, was held up and robbed at her home shortly before noon today by a bandit whom she identified by photographs as Arthur L. Barrett, fugitive robber. The bandit escaped with $10,000 in jewels and cash.

Score of Shopkeepers Are Stoned to Death

Allahabad, Feb. 13.—Death by stoning was the fate decreed and carried out for a score of shopkeepers here today accused of being heretics. The killings were in keeping with an ancient custom.

Miss Evans to Brookfield.

Miss Minnie Evans left yesterday morning for Brookfield to be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Forrest Faut, and family, for two weeks.

Robber Is Located Thru Use of Radio

Wiley Knight, Who Robbed Joe Cockayne Place, Is Brought To Maryville This Morning.

Radio again aided in the locating of a robber. As a result of a message broadcast from the Henry Field station at Shenandoah last night, Wiley Knight, age 20 years, who says he has no home, was located and arrested for breaking into and robbing the home of Joe Cockayne, five miles north of Maryville.

Knight was brought here this morning by the constable at Burlington Junction, J. L. Maxwell and lodged in the county jail.

While Mr. Cockayne and his family were in Maryville yesterday morning their home was entered. A new blue suit, razor, forty pennies in a children's bank and half a cake were stolen. Neighbors saw a man that morning at the Cockayne place and the sheriff was given a fair description of him. The section boss of the Wabash at Wilcox heard the broadcasting and informed Mr. Campbell he had seen a man on the tracks at Wilcox. Sheriff Campbell got in touch with J. L. Maxwell at Burlington Junction who waited at the station and got the man when he arrived on foot at Burlington Junction.

All the stolen articles except the cake were returned to Mr. Cockayne, Sheriff Campbell said this morning.

Knight waived preliminary hearing this afternoon before Justice Warren L. Johnson. His bail was fixed at $1,500, which he was unable to give and he was bound over to the circuit court.

Knight claims that he was born in Louisiana, went to school up to the seventh grade at Hickory Grove, Tex., that both his parents are dead and that he has no brothers or sisters, and has "wandered over the face of the earth" by his twenty-first year.

Pep Assembly Held at H. S. This Morning

Trenton Girls Organization, "Snappy 16" Entertain Local H. S. Students.

An assembly was held this morning at the high school and the main part was taken by the Trenton "Snappy 16." Several yells were given by the student body to produce some enthusiasm for tonight's game. A short talk was given by Coach Harold G. Ebert and then the assembly was turned over to the Trenton students.

The "Snappy16" is a body of girl boosters which travels with the Trenton teams to create pep. A program as follows was given:

School song by the chorus.
Jazz-o-phone quartette.
Yells for Maryville.
Duet, "Sally" with chorus.
School song.

Miss Alice Peery, coach of the Trenton girls' basketball team, accompanied the girls boosters to the High School assembly.

Mother Graham Woman Dies at St. Joseph

Mrs. Nancy E. Bohart To Be Buried In Prairie Home Cemetery, Graham, Tomorrow.

Mrs. Nancy E. Bohart, 87 years old, widow of the late John H. Bohart, died at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning at a hospital in St. Joseph, where she was taken a month ago. Funeral services will be held at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Martin Bond of Graham, Saturday and burial will be in the Prairie Home cemetery.

Nancy E. Johnston was born October 22, 1837, in Clark County, Indiana. She was married to John H. Bohart October 17, 1859, and to this union was born seven children, four of whom survive. Mr. and Mrs. Bohart moved to Graham in 1870 where they lived for some time. After Mr. Bohart's death on February 1, 1885, Mrs. Bohart moved to Kansas where she resided until last September when she came to Graham to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Bond. Besides Mrs. Bond, these children survive: Mrs. Anna Mundis and T. J. Bohart, Kansas City; and J. H. Bohart, Bonner Springs, Kan.

Marriage License.

A marriage license was issued yesterday afternoon to Herman G. Klatt of Bladen, Nebr., and Mollie Ross of Red Oak, Ia.

Appoints Curator.

Edna G. Hanson of Pickering was appointed as curator of the estate of her minor son, John Rolland Burch, by Judge Jesse F. Robertson of the Probate Court today.

SAYS COLLINS STILL LIVES

MAN HEARS PRISONER MOAN AND BREATHE.

MAKE LESS PROGRESS

Hard Material Is Encountered in One Part of Shaft Which Is Thought to Be Directly Above Prison.

Cave City, Ky., Feb. 13.—Floyd Collins is still living this afternoon!

A man passed along the narrow condemned crawlway to the farthest point before his progress was blocked, listened, and heard the prisoner breathing and moaning.

His report was made officially under oath.

"One deep gasp and a low groan," was what the man who dared the passage branded a human death trap reported. "But it was not like the moan of a person suffering."

The man, Edward Brenner, of Cincinnati, Ohio, said he was in the passage some time listening to the workmen in the shaft, and he gave it as his opinion that the shaft would penetrate almost directly above Collins' prison.

He called to Floyd several times, he said, but received no answer.

Cave City, Feb. 13.—A new estimate of the length of time which probably would be required to reach Collins will place the rescue time late Sunday or some time Monday, it was announced this afternoon.

The worst material yet encountered lies just under the present level of part of the shaft and this will cut the normal rate of progress which is ten feet every twenty-four hours to five feet or less.

Sand Cave, Ky., Feb. 13.—Erroneous reports that Collins had been found flashed out of Sand Cave shortly before noon today when all workers and newspaper men were ordered from the pit while engineers explored a sixteen-inch crevice that had been uncovered in the shaft.

The crevice, it was officially announced later, led only to a blank wall.

The pit was cleared for the safety of the exploration party as it was feared tramping of persons above might dislodge loose rocks.

The air was electric with expectancy but there was no formal word as to what was going on at the time the shaft was cleared.

Friday, the 13th, however, brought its burden of ill luck.

The shaft had sunk to a depth of fifty-four feet early today but repeated cave-ins were hampering the work. Five deluges of earth were thrown on the shaft-workers during the night and fresh crews today met similar conditions.

Cold weather had also added to the labors of the diggers. The cave and all digging-machinery was ice-coated.

Tiger Escapes and Kills Its Trainer

Manila, Feb. 13.—Crashing through the steel bars that separated it from the girl trainer, a jungle tiger that was being put through its tricks at a carnival here this afternoon, killed the young woman. A detective shot and killed the beast as it leaped into the panic-stricken throng.

Man Is Hanged for Murder of Five

Wheaton, Ill., Feb. 13.—John Kammerer, slayer of five members of the Otto Eder family seven months ago, today paid with his life on the gallows. Kammerer maintained an amazing calm to the end.

"I would not change places with any man; I am content to die," he said.

Warranty Deed.

Seneca T. Van Ausdall and wife to Bessie Robertson lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 11, Burlington Junction, for $1 consideration.

The Weather

Unsettled tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperature, lowest tonight about 24.

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For Collector Hughes Township.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for collector for Hughes Township on the Democratic ticket, subject to the voters at the primary in March.

L. K. RUSSELL.

WAS A JOB FOR A BROTHER-IN-LAW WORTH IT?

(Kansas City Times)

Because Cal Pierce, outstanding Republican and good citizen, refused to yield to Governor Baker's demands for a letting down of standards in the management of the great state charitable institutions, he has been removed from the eleemosynary board.

The state will be under no mistake as to what the removal means. Mr. Pierce has been known for years as an aggressive force in the Republican party to make that party an instrument for public service. In 1920 the party pledged a competent and non-political administration of the state asylums and the tuberculosis sanitarium. When in response to that pledge Governor Hyde established the bipartisan board, Cal Pierce became a leading spirit on it for efficient and humane management of the institutions. What the board has accomplished has been a source of pride to all Missourians. It has given practical application to the ideals than animated the people of the state in the provision they have made for the treatment of the unfortunate.

The first blow to this policy in four years has come from Governor Baker, who has insisted on the dismissal of the competent steward of the state hospital at St. Joseph in order to make a place for the governor's brother-in-law. Regardless of Mr. Gilpin's qualifications, if this demand were yielded to it would mean the breaking down of the principles on which the institutions have been managed, the intrusion of favoritism and politics, the impairment of discipline.

Naturally, Mr. Pierce refused compliance with the request. Two other members of the board, C. I. Rendlen of Hannibal and A. J. Fitzsimmons of St. Louis, supported him. These men are serving without salary. All they can get out of their services is the opportunity to do a big job well. If that satisfaction is removed, there is no incentive for them to continue their work.

The governor's course has been a shock to the people of the state, who had taken for granted that he would continue the fine record with the state institutions pledged by the party. His action means a surrender of the principles on which the board was organized. It is a profound disappointment to citizens concerned with the state's welfare.

By throwing out of his administration a man like Cal Pierce, whose citizenship is known throughout Missouri, the governor has managed to take care of his brother-in-law. But from the standpoint of even the most practical and sordid politics, was a job for a relative worth the price the governor has paid in the loss of esteem of people whose esteem is worth having?

BAKER SHOULD BE CRITICIZED.

A Republican candidate for mayor of St. Louis announces as the first plank of his platform the following: "I pledge that I shall not appoint a relative to office." He will scarcely be able to secure the help of Governor Baker if nominated, as the governor is willing to wreck an insane asylum to put a brother-in-law in charge, and that, just as it was supposed that the eleemosynary institutions of the state had been taken out of politics. This determination of the governor is bring-

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ing him more severe criticism than anything he has so far attempted.—Moberly Democrat.

Phares Scores Baker in Speech at K. C.

Appointment By Governor of Supreme Court Justice's Son To K.C. Election Board Is Criticized.

Kansas City, Feb. 13.—Charging W. W. Graves, chief justice of the Missouri supreme court, with responsibility for the defeat of a state congressional and senatorial redistricting plan, William F. Phares of Maryville, Mo., attacked Governor Sam A. Baker in a meeting of the republican state committee here yesterday for recognizing Graves in an appointment. Phares is chairman of the committee.

Governor Baker, Phares said, had recently indicated approval of the chief justice by appointing the latter's son, W. W. Graves, Jr., as a democratic member of the Kansas City election board.

"I realize I may go to jail for this," declared Phares, "but it is all true and I stand behind it."

To Launch Movement.

Phares made his statement after the state committee had voted unanimously for a motion to launch a movement for realignment of senatorial and congressional districts with initiative petitions. Phares appointed Robert Grover of Warrensburg, Mo., and Judge S. W. James of Sedalia, as a committee to draw up the petitions.

"Of course," said Phares, "you know our previous effort to redistrict in the fifty-first general assembly was defeated by Judge W. W. Graves of the Missouri supreme court, a partisan democrat, by reversing one of his own decisions.

"And this is the same Judge Graves who has just recently been recognized by Governor Baker in the appointment of the chief justice's son, W. W. Graves, Jr., as a democratic member of the Kansas City board of election commissioners."

Bills Were Fair.

The redistricting bills passed by the 1921 legislature, signed by Governor A. M. Hyde, and later held invalid by the state supreme court, was described as fair by Grover and Judge James. They termed the present districts "disgraceful gerrymanders."

Judge James made the motion for a republican fight for redistricting.

Grover declared that although the Republican ticket carried the state by 77,000 last November, the Democrats controlled the delegation to congress and the state senate by the gerrymandered districts. He declared it required a landslide, with a majority of at least 151,000, the 1920 majority of the republicans to control the state senate with the present district.

Grover and Judge James said they would prepare immediately petitions to be approved by the committee and later circulated in all the sixteen congressional districts. Under the plan if sufficient signatures are obtained the plan could be voted on in the election in 1926.

No Debts To Pay.

In calling the meeting to order, Phares explained the meeting was a customary adjunct of the annual Lincoln day rally. He added the usual after-election business of taking up a collection to pay a deficit was not in order, as the organization had conducted a victorious campaign with all bills paid. The announcement was greeted with applause.

Dr. E. B. Clements of Macon, national committeeman, called upon for a speech, said he had thought the party had said its speech last November.

"We never were more successful," Dr. Clements said. "We are not going to be sued by anyone, as the Democrats have been sued. We pay our debts and we win."

The committee unanimously adopted a resolution by J. N. Daniels of Kansas City, and seconded by Mrs. E. L. Garrison of Harrisonville, thanking Dr. Clements, Phares and Miss Mary Kilholland, secretary of the state committee, for their work in directing the campaign.

Governor Baker last night would not discuss the statement of Mr. Phares. "I don't care what Phares said," the governor commented. "You know Graves is an old friend of mine."

Mr. and Mrs. George Kemp and family of St. Joseph came today for a visit with the former's sisters, Mrs. H. H. Mutz and Mrs. C. E. Wright.

Miss Elizabeth Doran of the Keiflein millinery shop went to Kansas City today for a week's visit.

Lavern Rickard of Pickering, Henry Boedecker of Parnell, William Logan of Bedison and Mrs. Lavona Burns of Barnard were in Maryville today.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Dixson and family of Parnell were Maryville visitors today.

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SELLS SHOES THIRTY YEARS

W. A. MILLER STARTS OUT WITH $735 CAPITAL.

MUTZ BUYS INTEREST

Connected With Firm Fourteen Years —Three Decades Ago Dress Shoes Sold for $3.50 per Pair.

Thirty years ago tomorrow, W. A. Miller with a total capital of $735, and J. H. Becker started a small shoe store in the room now occupied by the Henderson plumbing and electrical shop on North Main street.

Mr. Miller had just completed a

W. A. MILLER.

course at a business college in Quincy, Ill. He had worked his way through school by waiting on tables and clerking in a clothing store on Saturdays.

He had spent his boyhood days on a farm near Wapello, Ia., and with the money earned by pitching hay, plowing corn and attending to the stock, he was able, with a small gift from his father, to enter the school in Illinois.

For a future business location, his eyes turned toward Missouri and it was Maryville that proved the greatest attraction.

Mr. Miller, Mr. Becker and Charles Lippman, a brother of Roy Lippman, worked together in the small store, the stock of which was invoiced by William Job, Sr., the present state Representative from Nodaway County.

In those days, a man could buy an excellent pair of work shoes for $1.50. However, if he wanted some fine dress shoes to wear when he went to see his best girl, he could get them for $3.50 per pair. Women's shoes sold at about the same price in those "good old days" that father and mother delight in talking about now.

Miller and Becker were located on North Main street for one year and then moved to the north side of the

JOHN G. MUTZ.

square where the Godsey news stand is now. They occupied that room for eight years and then moved to their present location.

Mr. Becker continued in the business for ten years and then sold his interest in the firm to R. J. Sanders who owned a partnership for five years.

John G. Mutz, who had also heard the call of Nodaway County and came here with his parents when he was 9 years old from a farm near Plattsmouth, Nebr., purchased Mr. Sanders' interest in the store together with Mr. Miller and Frank Reavis. The latter sold his stock to Mr. Mutz in 1916.

Mr. Mutz had worked on his father's farm two and a half miles southwest of Maryville before buying an interest in the shoe store fourteen years ago.

Thirty years have seen great changes in the business life in any community. Sales at the Bee Hive have increased ten times over those of three decades ago in the room on North Main street, and the stock of merchandise has increased more than twenty-fold during the some period.

A a celebration of the thirtieth birthday of the Bee Hive Shoe Store tomorrow, carnations will be given to the women and cigars to the men calling at the store between 1 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

BAKER'S ACT DRAWS FIRE

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Gilpin is a farmer and a neighbor in Buchanan County of S. S. Connett, whom the governor ousted as a Democratic member of the state highway commission.

Point to Anti-Nepotism Law.

The question was raised whether the action by Governor Baker in attempting to force the appointment of Gilpin constituted a violation of the spirit, if not the letter, of the anti-nepotism amendment. Baker and Gilpin married sisters.

The anti-nepotism section of the constitution reads:

Any public officer or employee of this state or of any political subdivision thereof who shall, by virtue of said office or employment have the right to name or appoint any person to render service to the state or to any political subdivision thereof, and who shall name or appoint to such service any relative within the fourth degree, either by consanguinity or affinity, shall thereby forfeit his or her office or employment.

Until legislation is enacted to carry this amendment into effect, the general contention here is that the anti-nepotism clause is inoperative. No move has been made to enact an enforcing law at this session of the legislature, which thus far has paid no attention to the constitutional amendment in appointing relatives to clerkships.

See Fight on Bloker.

A fight on the confirmation of Bloker, as successor to Pierce, was threatened yesterday by Senator Peter Anderson, Republican, from St. Louis. Anderson said the appointment appeared to him to be the result of a political understanding between the governor and Bloker that the new board member would vote for Gilpin as steward at the St. Joseph hospital. Bloker was here to confer with Baker a few days ago.

Senator M. L. Ford of Maryville, Democrat, indicated several days ago he might oppose the governor's attempt to reorganize the eleemosynary board to make jobs for personal appointments.

Governor Baker said Pierce would continue on the board until Bloker was confirmed by the senate. Pierce has not resigned. He may therefore continue to deadlock the board on the two Baker appointments until his successor is approved by the senate.

GENERAL MARKET
Evening Auxiliary M. E. Church, Saturday, Feb. 14.
Cushman Music Store.

Evans' Own Plates Bought Just 100 Years Ago Today

Valued not by their intrinsic cost but for family keepsakes and relics, small articles of china ware are often kept for generations in one family and could not be bought for any price.

So it is in the L. H. Evans family. Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Evans have two plain china plates that were bought 100 years ago today, the wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Schofield. They were purchased at Schroon, N. Y. In later years these plates were given to the grandchildren and are now in possession of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Evans.

They are on display at the Gaugh & Evans Drug Store on East Third street.

Continental President Tenders Resignation

Rufus E. Lee, Head of Electric Corporation, Will Quit March 1—Lincoln, Neb., May Be Headquarters.

Rufus E. Lee, during whose presidency the Continental Gas & Electric Corporation has grown from a small public utility group into one of the larger organizations of its kind, today announced his resignation as president of the Continental, effective March 1st. His successor will be Richard Schaddelee of Chicago, Ill.

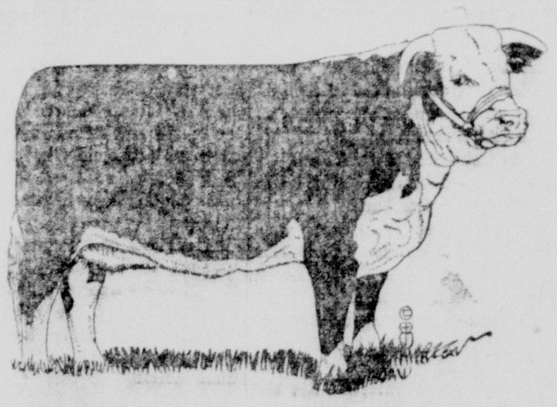
Mr. Lee's resignation follows the completion of a transaction whereby he and Cyrus S. Eaton of Cleveland, and their associates, have sold control of the Continental to The United Light & Power Company of Chicago, Ill. Mr. Schaddelee, successor to Mr. Lee, is senior vice-president of the United Company. Operations of the Continental's subsidiaries will hereafter be under the supervision of B. J. Denman of Davenport, Ia., vice-president and general manager of the United Company.

It is expected that the United Company will move to Lincoln the offices which the Continental companies have maintained in Omaha for several years. Lincoln will then be the operating headquarters for the Iowa-Nebraska group of properties.

When Mr. Lee came to the Continental Company as president three years ago, the company's properties included only the Nebraska Gas & Electric Company and the Iowa Service Company, serving a population of about 150,000. During Mr. Lee's presidency the Continental has acquired the Maryville Electric Light & Power Company, the Lincoln Gas & Electric Light Company, the Lee Electric Company, the Kansas City Power & Light Company and the Columbus (Ohio) Railway, Power & Light Company. The population now being served by Continental is in excess of 1,000,000.

Mr. Lee was a pioneer in Nebraska's electrical development, having built Superior's first electric system in 1894. Later he built Superior's first telephone exchange, which later was sold to the Nebraska Telephone Company, predecessor of the present Bell Telephone Company.

Mr. Lee has not yet announced his plans for the future.



Fresh Beef
From Selected Stock

The tastiness of the Beef offerings in this Meat Market wins us new customers daily. The reason is —our Beef is of the best quality only, coming from prize, selected stock.

Tender, Juicy Porterhouse or Sirloin Steaks. Delicious Prime Ribs, Sirloin Butt, Brisket and Chuck. Moderate prices. Give them a trial.

Schumacher's

The Home of Batavia Pure Food Products.

Drastic Cut In Taxes On Incomes Under $10,000

Joseph Jackson, President of the First National Bank, Explains Two Big Changes Which Means Large Saving of Money.

Income tax time is coming again. Every year we think that we have mastered its puzzling details only to learn that this year it will be quite different and we must study the question all over again. Taxation legislation is one of the favorite sports of Congress. The basis question is—who shall pay for the war? Shall we all participate or shall we make the rich pay the bulk of the bill? The President and the Secretary of the Treasury were of the same mind on one point, namely, that, whoever pays, the burden of heavy taxation must be reduced. Part of this reduction has gone into effect for the 1924 returns.

In order that the new income tax regulations may be made clear to every reader of our paper, our representative called on Joseph Jackson, president of the First National Bank and asked him to explain just how this year's return will differ from last year's. Mr. Jackson's reply was briefly as follows:

"There are two big changes in this year's tax regulations which mean a saving of money to every man and woman in the country. These are changes in exemptions and changes in the rates.

"Each single person is allowed an exemption of $1,000 and is taxed only on what he receives about that. Each married person living with husband or wife, and every head of a family is allowed an exemption of $2,500 regardless of his or her net income. Then there is an exemption of $400 for each dependent who is under eighteen, or who is incapable of self-support. This year the exemptions are based upon actual financial dependency instead of upon mere legal dependency as hitherto. For instance, a father whose children receive half or more of their support from a trust fund or some other outside source is not entitled to this credit.

"Now about the rates. This year the rate will be 2 per cent on the first $4,000; 4 per cent on the next $4,000, and 6 per cent on the balance. The rates mentioned apply on net income only—your income after the personal exemption and allowable deductions are made. This is what is called 'normal tax.' By that we mean the tax on that part of your income after all deductions have been made and after the personal exemptions have been taken.

"Of course, on all incomes in excess of $10,000 there is a surtax levy, which starts at one per cent on incomes from $10,000 to $14,000 and increases until it is 40 per cent on any income over $500,000.

"Everyone must remember, however, that the interest received from dividends on corporation stock is not subject to the normal tax but to the surtax. This surtax is not imposed on net incomes until they exceed $10,000 instead of $5,000 as formerly. This makes a big difference.

"There is one other thing that complicates matters a little bit but which is, nevertheless, to the decided advantage of all of us. That is what is known as the earned income credit. This year Uncle Sam entitles you to deduct from your total income tax an amount equal to 25 per cent of the tax which he calls the earned income credit. If you are married, but have no children and your income is $3,000, your tax at the full rate would be $10, and from this you can deduct 25 per cent or $2.50 as earned income credit. This means a lot to the man who personally earns all he gets. He will not be taxed as heavily as the fellow who has a steady income from investments etc.

"If your entire net income after exemptions and deductions are made is $5,000 or less it is considered to be entirely earned net income except when it is made up wholly or in part of dividends of domestic corporations. The law states that no part of earned income shall come from this source. In no case may the earned net income exceed $10,000. The term 'earned income' means wages, salaries, professional fees and other amounts received as compensation for personal services actually rendered.

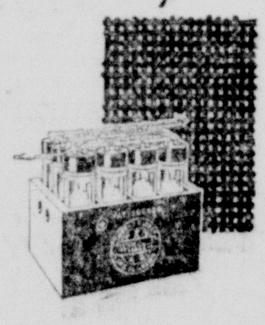
"Thus a person with an earned income of $3,000 (after earned income deductions) will pay a tax of $7.50 (tax of $10.00 at full rate less 25 per cent earned income deduction); for $4,000 the tax will be $22.50; $5,000—$37.50; $6,000—$52.50; $6,500—$60.00; $7,000—$75.00; $8,000—$105.00; $9,000—$135.00, and $10,000—$165.00. Compare the taxes for the 1924 income with those for the 1923 income and you will note the tremendous reductions benefiting the pocketbooks of everyone.

"It seems to me that the old jokes about making the income tax returns will fall a little flat this year. For the ordinary salaried individual, it is a comparatively simple thing to calculate the income tax. But it's all very well to talk about simplicity of income tax returns but every man in my business knows that each individual report is a case in itself. Complications are always arising which call for help and advice. This bank considers it a part of its service to help its patrons, and friends answer such questions and we shall be glad to have everyone call on us for such assistance as they need."

Use Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

Mark every grave

See the Willard CBR Battery



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Now made in a size to fit your set, and sold at a price to suit your pocketbook.

This Willard will operate a five-tube set for two hours a day for three solid months without recharging.

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are worth knowing about. Come in and let us show them to you. Ask to see the Willard CBR.

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Club Meets Next Week.

The all-day meeting of the Rockford Community Club, to have been held yesterday at the home of Mrs. Lester Reaksecker, was postponed for one week. J. Ross Fleetwood, county agent, will give a talk.

Moss-Klatt.

Miss Mollie Ross of Red Oak, Ia., and Herman G. Klatt of Bladen, Neb., were married yesterday afternoon at the parsonage of the M. E. Church, South, on West Second street, the Rev. R. A. Mitchell officiating. The couple were accompanied by the bride's brother, John Ross, Jr.

Independence Industrial Club.

A social meeting of the Independence Industrial Club was held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Gaylord Reynolds. Music was a feature of the afternoon's entertainment and Mrs. Clark Gray received a gift from the birthday box. The next meeting will be February 25 with Mrs. Glen Thomas. Visitors at the meeting were Mrs. Marion Crawford, Mrs. Charles Hornbuckle, Mrs. Tillie Hornbuckle and Mrs. James Neal. The members and children present were Mrs. Josie Hoy, Mrs. Sarah Edwards, Mrs. Eunice Thomas, Mrs. Anna Gregory, Mrs. Maude Wallace, Mrs. Bess Gray, Mrs. Lizzie Hess, Carroll Wallace, Delanie Gray, Vera and Junior Hess, Maurine Thomas, Lowell Dean Reynolds and the hostess.

B. B. Club.

The B. B. Club of the Scudder district held an all-day meeting yesterday at the home of Mrs. Joe Skidmore. The day was spent in quilting for the hostess and a cafeteria dinner was served at noon. Those present were Mrs. Albert Carr, Mrs. Frank Hull, Mrs. Ben Neal, Mrs. Joe Aken, Mrs. Don Kingery, Mrs. Walter Brown and daughter, Alice Marie, Mrs. Frank Gray and son, Curtis, Mrs. Vern Jones, Mrs. D. S. Moody and daughter, Virginia Lee, Mrs. Fred Wyatt and children, Trevis and Barbara, and Mrs. Orville Ripley and children, Harold and Doris. The club will hold another all-day meeting February 26 with Mrs. Fred Wyatt. The February social meeting for the members and their families will be held a week from Saturday night at the home of Mrs. Marion Ripley.

Celebrate 25th Anniversary.

(Burlington Junction Post)

The following news item sent from California will be of interest to Post readers:

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Nicholas of Arcadia, California, entertained a party of ex-Missourians at their new home in Arcadia on Saturday, February 7th, the occasion being their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. A turkey dinner was served at noon and a gab-fest prevailed all day.

The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hiles and daughter, Bernice, Mrs. C. B. Zarn, Mrs. F. W. McMacken, all of Hollywood; Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Compton and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Trimmer and daughter, Daisy, all of Pasadena and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Nicholas of Long Beach.

Friendship Club.

The Friendship Club was entertained yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. V. Ford on South Vine street. The usual business session was held and the remainder of the afternoon was spent in needlework. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Merle Shreve, who was a guest of the club. These members were present: Mrs. Leo Knox, Mrs. Banner Brummett, Mrs. Ernest Kessler, Mrs. F. W. Steele, Mrs. Furman Rogers and Mrs. L. R. Strong. Mrs. Harry Tilson, 715 East Fourth street, will be hostess to the club February 26.

R. N. I. C. Club.

Mrs. James Arnett was hostess to the R. N. I. C. Club yesterday afternoon at her home on North Mulberry street, with Mrs. James Newton and Mrs. W. P. Howland as assisting hostesses. The business session was in charge of the president, Mrs. A. J. Bluel. Mrs. Fern Crull played two piano selections and contests in keeping with the season were enjoyed. The rest of the time was spent socially and refreshments were served. Those entertained were Mrs. Charles Alexander, Mrs. A. J. Bluel, Mrs. E. E. Barrett, Mrs. D. O. Belt, Mrs. George Bramble, Mrs. Charles Butler, Mrs. L. A. Conder, Mrs. J. M. England, Mrs. Ernest Glover, Mrs. Ora Green, Mrs. John Haisley, Mrs. Charles Smith, Mrs. J. H. Thorp, Mrs. R. E. Thomas, Mrs. O. S. Wilson, Mrs. T. J. Williams, Mrs. George Wallace, Mrs. Maggie Lahr, Mrs. F. C. Kelley, Mrs. Claude Stults, Mrs. G. W. Butler, Mrs. L. W. Watson, Mrs. Fern Crull, Mrs. George Colter and Mrs. George Kirchhofer. The March meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Charles Alexander.

New L. P. Club Officers.

Mrs. E. H. Sims was elected president of the Ravenwood Literary Progressive Club yesterday afternoon at the regular meeting at the home of Mrs. I. A. Goodson. Other new officers are: Mrs. S. H. Leary, first vice-president; Mrs. S. P. Ross, second vice-president; Mrs. I. A. Goodson, secretary; and Mrs. Alfred Crater, treasurer. In answer to roll call the members gave incidents concerning the life of Lincoln. An interesting report of the annual conference of the First district, Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs, at St. Joseph last week was given by Mrs. E. H. Sims and Mrs. Elizabeth Mooers. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Misses Elizabeth Bishop, Grace Helen Goodson and Meredith Bishop. The meeting was attended by these members: Mrs. E. H. Sims, Mrs. Elizabeth Mooers, Mrs. S. H. Leary, Mrs. Mary Flynn, Mrs. S. P. Ross, Mrs. Fred Lyle, Mrs. I. A. Goodson, Mrs. M. L. Bentley, Mrs. David Crater, Mrs. Madison Goodson, Mrs. Alfred Crater, and Mrs. James Hubbell. Miss E. Goodson of San Jose, Cal., was an additional guest. Mrs. D. M. Bishop will be hostess at the next meeting February 26 when current events will form the roll call responses. The study of "Keeper of the Bees" by Gene Stratton Porter will be continued.

Hostess at Waffle Supper.

Miss Lois Cummings gave a waffle supper to a group of friends last night at her home on South Market street. Mrs. James P. Cummings assisted the hostess in serving. The guests included Mrs. Irwin Will, Mrs. Anna Anderson, Miss Ruth England, Misses Gladys and Merle Ford, Miss Lyda Ambrose and Miss Ella Noll. Following the supper the guests were entertained at games and music.

Merry Mingler Club.

A business meeting of the Merry Mingler Club was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Russell Smock. Plans for serving at a closing-out sale to be held soon were made, and each member is expected to furnish three pies and some cream. The Valentine box was opened with Evelyn Marsh and Eleanor Haigwood acting as messengers. The members arranged a Valentine box as a gift to M. J. Dougan, who is a patient at St. Francis hospital. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Henry Smock, served refreshments. Those present were Miss Mina Armstrong, Mrs. J. M. Conley, Mrs. Verlin Conley, Miss Mary Dougan, Mrs. Lee Haigwood, Mrs. Henry F. Jaeger, Misses Minnie and Theresa Jaeger, Miss Edith Marsh, Mrs. A. Marsh, Mrs. Dale Marsh, Mrs. Mary McElwee, Miss Katie Mercer, Mrs. Fisher Mercer, Mrs. Henry Smock, Mrs. Fred Wallace, Mrs. John Wallace, Marjorie Conley, Emma and Helen Zimmerman, Eleanor Haigwood, Bernadine and Margaret Jaeger, Evelyn Marsh and Omer Lee Haigwood. The club members and their families will be entertained Thursday evening, February 26, at the home of Mrs. Fred Wallace.

Entertain Epworth Class.

Miss Mabel Gay and Mrs. E. M. Houchens entertained members of the Epworth Class of the First Methodist Church and their husbands last night at the home of the latter on North Walnut street. Roll call was responded to with a quotation from Lincoln and Mrs. M. Rittenour gave a short sketch of Lincoln's life. The musical numbers included two piano selections and a vocal solo by Miss Ruth Houchens. An old-fashioned spelling match was the closing feature. Refreshments consisting of red jello hearts with whipped cream, maccaroons and hot chocolate were served by the hostesses, assisted by Miss Ruth Houchens. Those present were Dr. and Mrs. C. C. James, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. James, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Braniger, Mrs. M. Rittenour, Mrs. N. F. Hpper, Mrs. George Gay, Mr. and Mrs. John Price, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Andrews and little granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Devore, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hartness, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Nicholas, Mrs. S. O. Keever, Mrs. Blanche Cline, Mrs. Ira Bailey, Mrs. E. T. Bailey, Mrs. J. M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Houchens, Miss Ruth Houchens and Miss Gay.

Valentine Tea.

A Valentine tea was given yesterday afternoon and last night at the home of Mrs. George P. Wright on West Thompson street for the benefit of the third division of the Ladies Aid Society of the First Methodist Church. The hostess was assisted in receiving by Mrs. C. E. Stilwell, chairman, and other members of the division. Miss Emma Hull, Mrs. L. E. Dean and Mrs. C. C. Leeson had charge of the decorations and entertainment and members of the refreshment committee were Mrs. J. F. Hull, Mrs. C. A. McCoppin and Mrs. Wright. Those who assisted in the dining room were Mrs. H. S. Dowell, Mrs. T. L. Wadley, Miss Virginia Dean, Miss Frances Remus, Miss Elizabeth Hull and Misses Tama and Mildred Carlson. The afternoon program opened with a violin solo by Miss Audrey Stiwalt, after which Miss Mary Elizabeth Jones gave a reading, "Stealing Cleopatra's Stuff." A pantomime, "The Girls in the ongsS", was an attractive feature of the program. Mrs. W. W. Stanfield took the part of the Man; Mrs. Leonard Bosch was the Scotch Girl; Mrs. E. C. Curfman, Red Cross; Miss Lucille Wright, Hawaiian Girl; Mrs. Ralph Alcy, Bride; Mrs. William Larson, Spanish Girl; and Mrs. Bert Cooper, Indian. Miss Lucille Gaugh and Miss Audrey Stiwalt, accompanied by Mrs. J. W. Hake, sang the following selections in connection with the pantomime: "Annie Laurie;" "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean;" "Alaho Oe;" "Mary of Argyle;" "Juanita;" "Land of the Sky-Blue Water;" and "You are Just the Flower From An Old Bouquet." An old-fashioned spelling match with Mrs. J. C. Allender and Mrs. A. R. Perrin as captains was the concluding number. Mrs. John Price was the winner in this diversion and was awarded a Valentine as a prize. Each guest brought a Valentine and these were exchanged both afternoon and evening. Miss Jones' reading and the pantomime were repeated in the evening. Other program numbers were a piano solo by Mrs. Henderson Aley; piano solo, Mrs. J. W. Hake; cello solo, Miss Lucille Gaugh; and a vocal solo, "Love's Old Sweet Song," Mrs. O. L. Curl. Mrs. Hake was accompanist for the last two performers. A silver offering was taken to be used for the church building fund. More than 100 persons were entertained.

The second division of the society, of which Mrs. F. A. McKee is chairman, will give a Colonial tea next Thursday afternoon and night, and the first division, headed by Mrs. J. S. Ford, will give a St. Patrick's party next month.

Bloomfield Needlework Club.

Mrs. Ira Thompson entertained the Bloomfield Needlework Club yesterday afternoon. The members pieced quilt blocks and a talk was given by Miss Margaret Davison of the county health department. After the business meeting refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Ed Rickard. The club will meet with Mrs. Arthur Wray February 26 when election of officers will be held. The members present were Mrs. John McClurg, Mrs. Jim Lett, Mrs. Byron Hanna and children, Mrs. Marvin Carmichael and daughter, Lois, Mrs. B. C. Clayton, Mrs. Carmichael and son, Earl, Mrs. J. H. Hanna, Mrs. Ed Hanna and sons, Charles and Robert, Mrs. Lee Birkenholz, Mrs. Burley Swalley, Mrs. Martin Carmichael, Mrs. Jewell Birkenholz, Mrs. George Hantze, Mrs. Arthur Wray, Misses Della and Nannie McNeal, Miss Ethelyn Hanna, and Miss Neva McClurg. Visitors at the meeting were Mrs. Will Morrow, Mrs. Ed Rickard, Miss Edith Hanna, Miss Helen Carmichael and Miss Davison.

Valentine Bridge Luncheon.

Mrs. W. C. Pierce, Miss Hattie Pierce and Mrs. W. F. Chaves will be hostesses at a Valentine bridge luncheon tomorrow afternoon at the Pierce home on North Main street. The luncheon in the first of a series of affairs to be given by the three hostesses. Following the 1 o'clock luncheon bridge will be played at five tables. Appointments suggestive of St. Valentine's day will be used.

Elect New Officers.

New officers were elected at the meeting of the Thursday Afternoon Progressive Club yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. N. Johnson. Miss Ada L. Needles was elected president; Mrs. J. D. Bolin, vice-president; Mrs. Will Strough, secretary and treasurer; and Mrs. Harry Wamsley, reporter. Mrs. Rol Evans was taken in as a new member. "America, the Beautiful," was adopted as the club song. Following a program on Lincoln, a two-course luncheon was served. A program on Washington will be given at the meeting next week when Mrs. Harry Clayton will be hostess. Those present were Mrs. Harry Hunt, Mrs. Will Strough, Mrs. M. E. Bell, Mrs. E. E. Bolin, Mrs. Glade Wiley, Mrs. Harry Clayton, Mrs. Basil Wiley, Mrs. M. P. Ross, Mrs. Harry Wamsley, Miss Ada Needles, Betty Lou Strough and the hostess.

Johnson-Hazelton.

Miss Alla May Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Johnson, living near Clearmont, and Alva Leland Hazelton of Clearmont were married yesterday morning at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. L. V. Harmon, in Clearmont. The ceremony was witnessed by Mrs. A. G. Grable of Denver, Colo., an aunt of the bride. The couple will live on a farm, east of Clearmont. The bride was graduated two years ago ago from the Clearmont High school. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hazelton of Clearmont.

Entertain at Pitch.

Glen McKee entertained a number of friends at pitch last night at his home in Pickering. The host, assisted by Todd Norris, served refreshments and music was another feature of the evening. The guests were Drew Smith, Dennis Leech, Elmer Hornbuckle, Jack Estes, Sam May, Doll Taylor, Roy McMullin, Robert Gumm, Theron Wray and Delma Carmichael.

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Beauty in Villages Is Paying Investment

Advantages of Making Small Towns Attractive Pointed Out—Dept. Ag. Urges Civic Improvements.

Washington, Feb. 13. — American villages should plan for comfort and attractiveness, the same as cities, and will find it profitable to do so, the department of agriculture says after a survey of village life throughout the country.

Nearly 20 million people in the United States, or about one-fifth of the population, live in villages, and 30 million farming people use these villages for purposes of business, education, religion, health and social well-being. Yet these centers of rural population usually are unattractive and often very ugly, the department says. Villages in other countries generally are much superior to those of the United States in design, in the character of their streets and public buildings, and in their approaches and recreation spots. A start, however, has been made toward beautifying the American villages.

Show Examples of Leadership.

Some examples of leadership in this respect are recorded by the department of agriculture, which has been studying the problem of village planning from the standpoint of its importance to the rural community and particularly to the farmer. It is more as a buying than as a selling place that the farmer makes use of the village. In marketing his principal products he generally deals with some large distributing center. But he purchases his household supplies in the village. He goes there for amusement and for social purposes generally. His children often go to school there.

An attractive village, says the department, is an important influence in stabilizing farm life and in counteracting the attractions which cities have for the young people of the farms. As the farmers chief point of contact with outside interests, the village can make a big contribution to the happiness of farm life, even if it be considered from no other standpoint than the fact that it is the place where the farmer spends a large part of his income.

Where villages are being made more beautiful, the impetus has come in nearly every case from local initiative. Villages that have well-planned streets, attractive recreation spots, and pleasing approaches are nearly always indebted for these advantages to the energy and public spirit of some small group of citizens. Under such inspiration dump heaps have been turned into garden spots, unsightly shacks and dilapidated stores have been torn down and replaced by smart, substantial business buildings, and extensive programs of landscape gardening and tree planting have been undertaken.

Villages that have embarked on this path are finding that local beauty pays. It improves local business and attracts tourist business. It enhances real estate values, and has a powerful influence in raising individual standards of efficiency and enterprise.

Point to Weston, Mass.

One good example of a village that was not well planned originally, but now has been transformed into an extremely pleasing place, is Weston, Mass. Weston formerly had a large swamp area in its center. This has been drained, graded, seeded to grass, and planted to pine, fir and chestnut trees. A new town hall and a fire station have been built opposite the entrance to the common. Public buildings now are centrally grouped. Old, unsightly structures have been torn down. The improvements were planned by a landscape architect. It took twenty-five years to put the plan through, but everyone in Weston now believes the enterprise was worth the time and money it cost.

A village that was started with a good plan and has realized it is Patterson, Cal. This village and colony of irrigated farms, occupying eighteen thousand acres, were planned in 1910. Roads leading to the village were strategetically located and planted with trees and shrubs. The village itself has eight streets radiating from a civic center, where the public buildings are situated. In the last four years the residents of the village have built a public library, a community club house, a concrete swimming pool and a grammar school, and have provided a tourist park.

A town dump at Lewisburg, Pa., has become a scenic asset, through the activities of women, who formed a civic club, launched civic improvement propaganda, and accumulated funds for a program.

Outlook Is Brighter for American Farmers

Federal Reserve Board Reports No Likelihood of Decline of Prices Of Agricultural Products.

Washington, Feb. 13. — With the senate and house agriculture committees once more occupied with the problem of drafting farm relief legislation for enactment by the present congress, the federal reserve board reported yesterday that agriculture had climbed to a better balance with other industries than at any time since 1920.

The agricultural industry gives no indication, the board's monthly report said, of receding from its present economic position, which has been reached by a gradual advance beginning in the late summer of last year.

Jardine Voices Cheer.

A similar outlook was presented to the senate committee yesterday by William M. Jardine, a member of the president's agricultural conference, who expressed "unalterable optimism" for the outcome of the farming industry, and declared the farmer was passing through a post-war crisis from which his recovery was certain.

Before the house committee, Chairman Carey of the conference, indorsed a bill framed by Chairman Haugen to carry out the conference recommendations on cooperative marketing, and predicted the federal co-operative marketing board proposed in the bill would prove of substantial aid to the farmer in marketing his crops provided the "proper type of men made up its original membership."

To Amend Capper-Volstead Act.

The Haugen measure would amend the Capper-Volstead act to permit co-operative associations to organize and operate both terminal marketing and clearing house organizations to organize and operate both terminal marketing and clearing house organizations, without conflict with the anti-trust laws so long as the membership was made up exclusively of producers.

At the senate meeting, Mr. Jardine took up an analysis of the conference recommendations, especially emphasizing those dealing with "orderly marketing."

Chairman Norris, insisting that an "emergency program" was needed, declared the conference brought a program to "congress in the last days of the session and the White House announces there is ample time for us to act" and asked if "that was just an effort to pass the buck."

"There certainly was no intention to embarass congress," Mr. Jardine replied.

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VIII.

TORTURE.

Again the King's justice . . . . . the justice of the Middle Ages. How long had her trial lasted? Esmeralda, herself, couldn't have told. It was all a horrible night-mare. The President of the Court, unshakable and cruel. The King's Attorney, cunning and domineering. The volley of questions fired at the dazed girl. The President's grating: "And so thou deniest that it was part of thy hellish plot to foment riot when thou didst go disguised as a lady to the home of Madame de Gondelaurier! And thou deniest also that it was thou who didst murderously assault Monsieur Phoebus de Chateaupers!"

"I do deny it! Of course I deny it! I loved him! I love him more than life itself. How could I? Rather would I have———"

She stopped short. Her wandering sight had found Jehan's face—shining white, demoniac—as she had seen it when Phoebus was stabbed.

She let out a shriek. "He stabbed him! 'Twas he—he!"

She was jerked back by the soldiers as she started for Jehan. A cold sneer came over his face. He waved a careless finger at the girl.

"The maid is bewitched," he said. "Put her to the question!"

A shudder ran through Esmeralda's delicate form. Then she was being dragged away through a double row of halberds to the Chamber. Descending several flights of stairs they arrived at the Torture Chamber. Over everything there was a crimson reflection cast by a roaring fire of a furnace. By this lurid illumination the prisoner saw all around her the frightful instruments—capstans, suspended hocks, large pincers. Then she shrank with horror as she saw the staring emaciated face of a man who hung suspended by his wrists to a diagonal cross. He shrieked, cried, begged for mercy. Then Esmeralda was put to the question—the "question"—that system of the Middle Ages to force confession.

They began with "the boot." Esmeralda was flung on a bed, her bare feet encased in a loosely jointed oblong box of wood and iron.

"Do you still deny?" the torturer asked sweetly.

"I do—I love him! I love him!" She screamed in terror. Charmolue was sweetness itself as he asked her again to confess. She could only repeat her denials. He signalled his assistant to proceed. A twist of the screw and the "boot" crunched in like the jaws of a vice. Esmeralda uttered one of those terrifying cries that have no place in human experience. "I confess—I confess! I confess to anything you wish. Only, let me be—let me go, for the love of Heaven!"

Charmolue said with oily unction: "Humanity obliges me to inform thee, my child, that in confessing thou hast but to look for death on the gibbet." He turned to the clerk. "Write down: 'Esmeralda, Bohemian girl, doth confess to the fomenting of riot and to the stabbing and murdering of one Phoebus de Chateaupers . . . . . !' "

Meanwhile Phoebus was being nursed back to health by Fleur de Lys at her aunt's house. Through nights of delirium he had wondered if the charge brought against Esmeralda was true—whether it was she who stabbed him. Wrestling with his question, Phoebus heard a servant's voice announce: "Monsieur, the brother of the Archdeacon inquires the health of Captain Phoebus." Phoebus beckoned his guest to enter.

Jehan's mission was brief. "The wench who stabbed you," he said, "has confessed to her crime. She has been ordered hanged." He stepped back as Phoebus gave a cry like that of a tortured animal and collapsed back on the bed. Jehan smiled craftily and left.

At this time Clopin was frantically searching for Esmeralda. The only word he could get of her whereabouts was from one of his beggars who had seen her enter the Cathedral. Clopin rushed into the church where he found Dom Claude and Quasimodo kneeling in prayer. He spoke to the Archdeacon, his voice a fiery gust of passion. "I come to get Esmeralda—where is she?" He raised a clenched fist.

Dom Claude did not flinch from Clopin's clenched hand. "She has been carried to prison by his Majesty's servants."

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"You lie!" snarled Clopin. He was shocked, enraged. Then he burst into a mocking laugh as the Archdeacon reiterated that the girl has been thrown into prison on a charge of murder and fomenting a riot. The laugh extended itself into an obscene guffaw. "Thou hypocrite! Thou child stealer! I've come to get Esmeralda, and, mark me, I'll get her!"

There came a beast-like roar from Quasimodo, who had finished his prayer, risen to his feet, and for the first time he saw what was taking place. He flung himself at Clopin like a bulldog, his jaws slavering, his fangs bared. "Thou hadst better leave," said Dom Claude softly.

"I'll get her if I have to tear down Notre Dame rock by rock!" snarled Clopin, backing away from the Archdeacon and the Hunchback.

Had Clopin only known it, even while this unsatisfactory interview was taking place, Esmeralda, sentenced to die, faced an even worse fate. She had been wakened from her fitful sleep in a dungeon cell by the figure of a monk. Was this to be the hour of her death? She wept pathetically: "I want to get away from here. I'm cold. I'm afraid."

The spectral figure answered: "Well, then, follow me."

She recognized the voice—it was Jehan's. She shrank back, as he pushed back his cowl. "You—in the robes of the Church!"

"Only in these robes could I pass the prison-guard. Quick—come with me!" he urged. "Soon it will be dawn—thy execution time!"

"Go with you!—you who put me here!—hounded me!—stabbed my Phoebus! I'd rather die!" she flamed. "What's become of Phoebus?"

"Phoebus died last night of his wound," he lied glibly. "I promised him to save you. Oh, Esmeralda! Pity me; all I have done was for love of you! I came here to save thee—fly with me—now!"

"Assassin!" Esmeralda fairly screamed. Fly with you! No! A thousand times no! Go! Leave me to die! May my blood and his stain you till the day of your death. Go! Get out! Thou art accursed!"

"Very well, then—hang!" and Jehan was gone.

IX.

THE RESCUE.

Suddenly the date for Esmeralda's execution was secretly set ahead, and orders came to the Hunchback to toll the death-knell. For what poor soul he rang, he did not know. It was a sobbing peal, vast in quantity, sufficient to roll its reverberations through all the streets of the capital like an invisible, terrifying flood. When the great bell tolled like that, all Paris knew some prisoner was on the way to execution. Sister Gudule heard the bell, and its sound mingled with her lamentations. She knelt before a little shoe that had dropped from her baby's foot years before when the child was kidnapped—to her it had become a shrine, a holy relic. "Give her back to me, O Lord!" she prayed. The sound of the great bell mingled with her despairing cry.

"Look! Look! They're going to hang a Gypsy woman today!"

Sister Gudule heard the exclamation uttered by two little gamins of the Paris streets. Her prayers were forgotten. She sprang up with a curse. She was filled with ferocious joy. Hatred gleamed in her eye.

"Nay! Let me slay the Gypsy fiend! Her life for the life of my child!" She rushed from her cell. A heavy cart—flanked with cross-bowmen, halberdiers and mounted officials of the court—was almost at her door. In this care, drooping like a faded flower, was Esmeralda.

Gudule let out a shriek. She sprang upon the cart. Before the soldiers could interfere, she was clawing at the fainting victim with curses and insults. "Cursed Gypsy! Cursed! Cursed!" she cried.

A couple of pikemen seized the mad woman and flung her into the street. Gudule continued to shriek her curses. Then she discovered she had brought away a souvenir of her onslaught. It was the filigreed disk Esmeralda had worn about her neck—the talisman placed there by her mother. The object fascinated the recluse. She stared at it with wild eyes. Where had she seen the thing before?

Years ago—centuries ago, so it seemed to her—she had known a young mother who had put a trinket like this about her baby's neck. Her reason cleared. Her memory went back, swiftly, strong and lucid. She herself was that young mother. This was her own child she had just cursed—whom they were carrying off to hang—

"My baby! Oh, my God! My baby! Save her! Save her!"

She started to run in pursuit of the retreating procession. She had taken but a few steps, before she stumbled, fell. Slowly, yet convulsively, she brought the amulet to her lips, held it there . . . . moved no more. A priest knelt beside her . . . . blessed her. "Requiscat in pace!" he murmured. "Her earthly penance is ended. God rest her soul!"

They had brought the cart with Esmeralda in it up to the steps of the Cathedral. There was a clause in her death sentence that she was first to make "honorable amends" to God before the Cathedral door. Half-fainting, she was dragged from the cart by a pair of bailiffs and hoisted up the steps to the porch. There they placed her in a kneeling position before the central door. The contact of the stones where so many other supplicants had knelt—the presence of the Church that had meant so much in those early dreams of hers—seemed to revive her to some extent. She swayed backward—raised her face in a last appeal to Heaven. Her lips breathed a last prayer. The end was near.

It was thus that Quasimodo saw her. After the ringing of the death knell which was a sign of the approaching execution, the Hunchback had gone into the high gallery of the Cathedral to watch the spectacle below. Of supreme indifference it was to him whom they were going to hang. He peered down at that desolate figure of the condemned one kneeling in the center of the porch. Then he recognized her—the girl, Esmeralda—she who had given him a drink when he was dying of thirst. Quasimodo gave a start of horor.

He uttered a stifled roar. He began to cast about him with a rolling motion as if he were overcome by some great giddiness. How could he save her? Save her he must! He was frantic. He hopped about. He leaped to the top of the parapet—swayed there at that dizzy height as if he would have flung himself into space as a bird might do.

Then he made a discovery. Workmen had been engaged in repairing the roof. In fact there was seldom a time when the vast fabric of the ancient pile was not being mended—stone by stone, timber by timber, a roll of lead here, another one there. Swinging from the beam of a huge crane used to hoist this material to the lofty gallery where Quasimodo found himself there was an enormous length of rope reaching from this height to the Cathedral porch fully a hundred and fifty feet below—a dizzy abyss, enough to make any man shudder.

But not Quasimodo!—he who clambered over these mountainous heights and slopes by day and night. He paused for but a moment to measure the distance. He made a gigantic leap into space. His powerful hands had caught the rope. He was going down it—sliding, falling—with a speed that would have meant the death of an ordinary mortal.

Almost before he was discovered—certainly before anyone could divine his intent—Quasimodo had safely landed. There was a flash of terrific action, and the Hunchback had sent two bailiffs near Esmeralda sprawling, head over heels, down the cathedral steps.

Then Quasimodo had caught Esmeralda up in his powerful arms. She was like a mere doll in the arms of a child.

A few bounds had brought him to the open door of the church

There he turned and held her aloft. His rusty voice bellowed out like the clang of a long-neglected bell: "Sanctuary! Sanctuary!"

It was as if that dying petition of the girl's mother—she, the mad recluse, who had been known as Sister Gudule—had reached God.

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It was the Archdeacon, Dom Claude, who checked the rush of soldiery at the cathedral door.

"What! Would you violate the sacred law of sanctuary?"

X.

SOWING THE WHIRLWIND.

That evening, Esmeralda, soothed and strengthened, had gone out into the starlight that illuminated the high gallery of Notre Dame. She had thanked Quasimodo as best she could. She had caressed his shaggy head. He had run away from her in a perfect paroxysm of joy. There was joy in her heart—more than she ever could have believed possible. Her Phoebus was dead, but was not his spirit abroad in the night? As to Quasimodo—all he knew was that this girl had once been kind to him, and he was her devoted slave. Esmeralda, believeing her lover dead, was finding consolation, like many another mourner, in the bosom of Notre Dame. Dom Claude had given her hope: "My daughter, the law of sanctuary protects you pending an appeal. Until then, Mother Church will give you shelter."

Meanwhile Jehan was like a madman. He had walked the streets for twenty-four hours since he had gained entrance to Esmeralda's cell. His only consolation was that Phoebus would never again hold Esmeralda in his arms. By this time, he thought, she must be hanging from a gibbet. In a tavern where he had stopped to refresh himself, he heard the amazing tale of the day's events.

Esmeralda saved! Esmeralda in the Cathedral tower! Jehan was once more the vulture, the bird of prey. The thought of seeing Esmeralda in the flesh again, set him on fire. Let him but possess himself of Esmeralda and Satan could do his worst! This time he must not fail. Jehan glutted his eyes—his active brain was at work with dark designs—he was like a cobra looking at a dove.

Quasimodo spent the night searching through his "treasure chest"—a box laden with candle ends and trifles that his feeble mind had endowed with imaginary value. To him these candle ends were as fragments of prayers. "For her! For her! She saved my life!" Esmeralda's presence inspired Quasimodo to express his wild joy in the only way he knew. To Esmeralda it was as if her reverie had found expression from another source. There had come to her a booming whisper—a lulling reverberation—deep and sonorous, sustained, pulsing. It was Quasimodo, tolling his ecstasy. He had clambered up the ladders of the tower to where the great bell lay slumbering in the moonlight. "Awake! Awake!" he cried. At every swing the huge clapper let out a noise like muffled thunder. Finally, Quasimodo threw himself upon the bell and rode with it like a child on a mighty swing, back and forth, back and forth.

It was to such mighty music that Jehan, cloaked to his eyes, made his way like an evil bird of the night along one tortuous street after another on his way down to the Court of Miracles. When he arrived, he found the place engaged in a wild orgy. Wine for all. . . . . .

With plans all set for rescuing Esmeralda on her way to the gallows, Clopin had awaited the day announced for her execution. Arms had been hidden, men mustered form the hidden, man-made rat-holes that underlay the ancient city. The news of the long-lost Esmeralda—of how close she had been to death, of her rescue when the very gibbet had been prepared for her coming, but above all the fact that she was alive—this news had turned the Court of Miracles into a madhouse. The people danced. They sang. They caroused. It was Clopin's hospitality.

But Clopin stood apart. There was a frantic joy in his heart that he would have revealed to no man. He needed no wine. This joy was in itself a species of intoxication. He felt all things were possible to him. It amplified his natural taste for vengeance until he conceived it as a roaring hurricane which he could let loose when he would—ride it to the destruction of all that he hated. And what would he do to the King—to the State—that had wronged Esmeralda? He was prepared. Arms he had. In all the dens and hiding places of the downcast, the outlawed, the mistreated of King and Heaven, were his cohorts. Paris and France were one vast powder magazine!

It was at this juncture that Jehan, with his black cloak about him, came fluttering into the firelit courtyard like an agile crow. Jehan came straight toward Clopin and Clopin took a step toward Jehan. It seemed as predestined as the meeting of two sinister planets chartered by some dismal astrologer for a castrophe in the affairs of men. Clopin looked about him stealthily, lest he be overheard.

"Thou comest straight from Notre Dame?" he asked.

"As straight as the crow flies," Jehan replied.

"What news of the girl?" Clopin was all eagerness.

"Bad! Tomorrow at dawn she is to be surrendered to the officers of the King." Jehan was feeding hot coals to Clopin's fury.

"Ventre-Dieu! Why didst thou not bring her with thee?"

"That is no job for such as me. Canst thou not see? The hour is struck. This is the time we've been waiting for."

Clopin staggered back a little. He was like a tree struck by a big wind. He stood there swaying, gathering up all his scattered dreams, his plans, his meditations, his visions of a society re-organized. This was his hour, and he was ready for it; but it was the suddenness with which he realized it that had staggered him.

"They feared an uprising to rescue Esmeralda on her way to the gallows. To prevent bloodshed the King ordered her hanged tomorrow. They come to take her at daybreak," Jehan was explaining to him.

Suddenly, with no further look at Jehan, as if he had forgotten him completely, as no doubt he had, Clopin turned and ran toward the hogshead that served him betimes as a throne. He leapt on this, and cried:

"The hour has struck. They are about to surrender the maid to the King's officers." Shaking his fist at the rabble, he shouted: "Hear me! Come here! Come here! Come here, ye two-legged cattle, and let me tell you how to become men!"

There was an instant drift in his direction, then the people were coming on the run.

(To be continued).

Bagby Is Preparing for Prosperous Year

Head of Farmers Auto Supply Co. Predicts That 1925 Will Witness Greatest Motoring Year.

Predicting that 1925 would witness the greatest motoring year in this section of the country, E. C. Bagby, head of the Farmers Auto Supply Company, Firestone dealers, declared today that unprecedented interest is being displayed by the public in the new developments in motor cars, tires and accessories. Mr. Bagby is planning for the most prosperous business in the history of his company.

"Significant of the improvement in general business conditions," he said, "is the interest unusual for this time of year, that is being taken in motor transportation."

"Many new improvements and refinements in automobile construction have been made in the last year including four wheel brakes, straight-line, eight cylinder engines, and different types of body construction, all intended to provide the public with more economical and satisfactory motoring.

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To Teach at Chillicothe.

Miss Opal Orme of the Maryville State Teachers College, arrived yesterday to take charge of a division of the First grade at Central. Miss Orme will live at the L. B. Crawford home, 925 Locust, while in the city. Her mother, Mrs. Everett Orme, of Hopkins, who accompanied her here returned home Tuesday afternoon.—Chillicothe Tribune.

Mrs. Bert Hall of Quitman is visiting at the home of Mrs. Barbara Bowman on West First street.

State Parks Are Spots of Beauty

Recreation Opportunities are Plentiful in Ozark Retreats, Says Frank H. Wielandy, Game and Fish Commissioner.

Jefferson City, Feb. 13. — Health seekers will find many desirable things in the recently purchased state parks in the Ozarks region, according to Frank H. Wielandy, commissioner of the state game and fish department under whose direction the state park program is being conducted.

The climate and invigorating atmosphere should prove equally as beneficial as that in many other states, Mr. Wielandy said.

"One feature dominating the selection of our park sites is that of running water," the game commissioner said. "Every tract of land is well watered and three of them have enormous springs. Each park also is well wooded with various varieties of oak, walnut, elm and hickory trees. Many of the spots in these sanctuaries offer scenes of beauty almost beyond comprehension to those who have never visited the Ozarks."

The conservation of the rapidly diminishing wibl life of the state and provision for recreation for the state's inhabitants were the principal motives behind the purchases. Five state parks already have been purchased, these having a combined acreage of 23,046, and other tracts are under consideration.

Bought With License Fees.

The purchases were made under an act of 1917, which provides that 25 per cent of the money derived from hunting and fishing license fees be set aside for state parks. Although the law was enacted eight years ago, it was only recently that any attempt was made to carry out its provisions. Every one of the purchases, according to Mr. Wielandy, was made at a bargain price.

"It is the plan," the game commissioner continued, "to reserve large sections of the parks for campers, where tents may be pitched and the pleasure of living outdoors be enjoyed free by all, subject merely to the parking regulations. The center of each park is to be surrounded with a heavy strand of wire, this marking the sanctuary for wild game where it may multiply without molestation."

Describing the parks already purchased, Mr. Wielandy said:

"The first purchase was Round Springs, in Shannon county. This tract of seventy-six acres was bought for $5,000. The place is named for the peculiar round spring that flows from behind a huge rock. The spring expels water, then sinks back into a round hole, rising again in a minute or two.

Has Bass Stream.

"Lenox tract, our next purchase, has 12,000 acres, bought for $51,000 and we will add about 2,000 acres more. This body of land is in Dent county and the center of it furnishes the head waters of the Meremec river, one of the state's scenic streams. There is another stream, known as Crooked Creek, that is celebrated for smallmouth bass.

"The Ellington tract of 6,000 acres in Reynolds county is similar to the Lenox tract and we paid $19,000 for it.

"Purchase number four was Alley Spring, just north of Eminence in Shannon county. For this body of 470 acres we paid $31,500 and after the option had been signed, a man came to me and offered me $45,000 cold cash, but we turned him down.

"The fifth purchase was Brown Spring, with 4,500 acres in Carter county, near Van Buren, for $21,000. About 2,000 acres more will be added to this tract.

"What Missouri is doing in the way of state parks looks small in comparison with such states as Pennsylvania where there are thirty-seven sanctuaries. But Missouri has made a beginning and that is something. I hope to see this idea grow and bear abundant fruit for the people of our commonwealth."

Was Not Wabash Detective.

According to the Stanberry Owl-Headlight, Charles Slater, the man who killed his wife and then shot himself, at Warsaw, Ind., recently was not the former Wabash detective who was located at Stanberry.

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FOR SALE—I still have a few pure-bred Ancona pullets. Call Hanamo 5663, T. C. Cooper, 1321 East Fourth.

D. Aley, Farmers 22-19. 10-12*

FOR SALE—Modern 7 room House, on 2 lots, 205 South Mulberry. See E. E. Rhodes. 12-14

FOR SALE—Thirty pure-bred barred rock pullets; fine ones. Hanamo 3332.

HAVE CAR good oats on track now. U. S. Wright, Hanamo 476. 11-17

FOR SALE—Three tube radio, a bargain. See Pete Hildreth at Brumbaugh-Lloyd Radio Shop. 13*

FOR SALE—Triple refined coal oil odorless; guaranteed not to char the wick. Richards & Son, South Side Square. 11-13

FOR SALE—1923 Overland sedan, good as new, new tires. Inquire Democrat-Forum office. 11-17

FOR SALE—Blue Ribbon White Wyandotte eggs, $5.00, 100; booking orders. Mrs. Eugene Larmer, Helena, Mo. 12-13*

FOR SALE—Choice fresh milk cows, Jerseys and Shorthorns. Roy Neal, 1½ mile south of Pump Station. 13-16*

FOR SALE—Baby chicks, $14.00 per 100; 10 per cent discount on orders received by February 20. Custom hatching. Grays Hatchery, Hanamo 4579, 402 East Sixth street. 12-18*

FOR SALE, EXCHANGE OR RENT—Farms, acreage tracts and modern residences; also money to loan at lowest rate of interest. See or phone Allen Brothers. 12-14

FOR SALE—New hog shed, 6x16, chicken house, 8x10; must be sold at once. Hanamo 3514. F.12tf.

MISCELLANEOUS

MONEY TO LOAN — Joint Stock Land Bank plan on farm loans. Also city and farm real estate for sale. Ed F. Wolfert. J15-F15

FARM of 220 acres for rent. Inquire Mrs. E. J. Williams, Han. 227. 28tf

CUSTOM HATCHING—3 cents per egg; purebred White Wyandotte eggs $3.50 per 100. Mrs. Glenn V. Guthrie, Farmers 11-13. 12-18*

FOR RENT—Modern 6-room cottage on pavement; possession March 1; rent $45; also modern five-room apartment, close in; rent $35. Yeo Bros. Hanamo 3255.

LOST—Truck chain on Maryville-Savannah road, Wednesday. Return to Democrat-Forum. 12-14*

CANVASSERS WANTED—Popular line toilet articles. Liberal commissions. Blue Bell Products Co., 4339 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. 12-19*

LOST—Ford truck chain, near Knabb school, Thursday. Farmers 8-19. 12-14*

WANTED—Plow work, wagon work and disc sharpening. Guy Rounds Blacksmith and Wagon Maker Shop, 216 North Market. 2-28.

Textbook Bill Would Affect Schools Here

Selection of Grade Books Would Be Made By a State Commission.

Maryville public schools would be subject to the provisions of House Bill No. 115, engrossed Wednesday by an amendment introduced by Lon S. Haynes of Springfield.

The bill seeks to establish a uniformity of textbooks for the rural and elementary schools of the state by the appointment of a State Textbook Commission by the governor, with the provisions that no two of the five men on this commission shall be of the same party and that at least two of them shall be rural school teachers.

Mr. Haynes' amendment exempts school districts which have in them a city of more than 12,000 persons.

An amendment introduced by E. W. Allison, minority floor leader, to the effect that the state superintendent of schools appoint the members of the board and that one of them be an executive secretary with two assistants failed to pass the house.

Considerable opposition on the part of Mr. Allison and others indicated that the bill will meet a strong fight when it again comes up.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Corwin and daughter, Miss Mae Corwin, returned last night from Excelsior Springs where they had been for ten days. Miss May Corwin visited with Miss Madge Boyd in Kansas City.

Market Report

Chicago, Feb. 13.—CATTLE—Receipts 5,000.

HOGS—Receipts 43,000.

SHEEP—Receipts 11,000.

St. Louis, Feb. 13.—CATTLE—Receipts 1,800.

HOGS—Receipts 10,000.

SHEEP—Receipts 1,000.

Kansas City, Feb. 13.—CATTLE—Receipts 550.

HOGS—Receipts 5,500.

SHEEP—Receipts 3,000.

St. Joesph, Feb. 13.—CATTLE—Receipts 800.

HOGS—Receipts 5,000; top $11.00.

Cattle steady; hogs 10 cents higher.

LOCAL MARKETS

Heavy Hens, lb	18c
Springs, per lb	16c
Light hens, lb	13c
Geese, per lb	12c
Ducks, lb	12c
Leghorn and black springs, lb	13c
Cocks, lb	7c
Cream, per lb	32c
Eggs, per dozen	30c
Hides, per lb	7c

FOR RENT—160 acre farm, well improved. Wm. Everhart, Farmers 56-11; Hanamo 5. 13-16

$10,000,000 Company wants man to sell Watkins Home Necessities in Maryville. More than 150 used daily. Income $35-$50 weekly. Experience unnecessary. Write Dept. H-6, The J. R. Watkins Company, 19th and Campbell Sts., Kansas City, Mo. 13-16*

PREPARED to do fancy or plain sewing, at your home or at mine. Phone Hanamo 723. 9-14*

FOR RENT—Some good Nodaway County farms. Inquire Roy Hanna. 10-tf

WANTED—Every home owner in Nodaway County, to plant our home-grown fruit trees, and all kinds of good nursery stock. Why deal with mail order houses, or agents, when you can get fresher stock and better values, right at home? Murray Nurseries, Maryville, Mo. J.19-F.19.

ROOMS for rent—modern home. 103 West First street. D2tf

FOR SALE

5 room cottage on paved street; modern, $4500.

4 room and bath, modern, good location, $2500; $750 cash.

6 room nearly new bungalow; modern, well located, $7500.

5 room cottage, modern, full basement, $4000.

7 room cottage, full lot, $1750, $250 cash, balance $20 per month.

5 room cottage, fine lot West; $1850. Easy terms.

Building lot, walk in; $400.

YEO BROTHERS.

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Ether Waves

Pickering

O. G. Null

Bryan Hanna and family moved last week from the J. H. Hanna farm south east of town to the adjoining farm owned by B. C. Clayton which Mr. Hanna will operate this season.

Dell Hyde who recently purchased the dray business of the W. A. Lock has rented the Jesse Carter property in the south part of town and expects to occupy it within a few days. Mr. Carter has rented the Hyde farm northeast of town and will move to it at the same time Mr. Hyde is moving to town. Cecil Hyde is driving the dray wagon until his father gets moved to town.

Wilson Ferguson and family have moved from the John Ferguson farm owned by Hiram Caudle southwest of Long Branch which they will operate this season.

Miss Ruby Judd of Mozingo Valley neighborhood returned the first of the week from near Malvern, Iowa where she had been visiting relatives the past two weeks. Her brother Jesse went to Malvern last week and returned home with her.

Miss Bonnie Embree of Clarinda Iowa is visiting here this week at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. M. Sparks.

The roads have been in very bad condition all week and travel with motor car is suspended except on the main highways. There is a number of cars on the State Highway each day though the gravel road used as a detour of Highway No. 27 south of Union school house is said to be in bad condition.

Auction sales are becoming quite numerous and other signs of annual moving day are in evidence. There will be the usual amount of shifting about in this vicinity.

Mrs. Sarah Awalt Kelly one of the oldest residents of this community passed away at the home of her son Orlen O. Kelly on Thursday afternoon about five o'clock.

She was the widow of Henry J. Kelly who passed away at their home in Maryville last May. She with her husband lived on a farm in Mozingo Valley neighborhood from their marriage until about 12 years ago when they moved to Maryville.

She was well known in this community and leaves a host of friends to mourn her departure. Besides son Orlen, a daughter Mrs. E. O. Wray resides near Mozingo Valley. Her other children are in western states. Funeral arrangements await word from them.

School Notes.

Mrs. Ernest Ingles and Mrs. Alva Ingles visited in the grades and high school Thursday. We welcome these visitors because we feel they are interested. We hope others will fall in line.

The Sophomore Class gave the following program in assembly Thursday morning to commemorate the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

Song, America, by the school.

Essay, Abraham Lincoln, Zoe Keith.

Reading, Death of Lincoln, Helen Ulmer.

Song, Battle Hymn of the Republic, school.

Misses Pauline Swinford and Hildred Hinton visited high school Tuesday.

The seniors were very successful with their market on last Saturday. $29 was cleared.

The regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association will be postponed on account of the revival meeting at the M. E. Church.

M. E. Church Notes.

Services, Sunday, Feb. 15, as follows: Myrtle Tree, Sunday School at 10 a. m.; Pickering, Sunday School at 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. The revival continues with increasing attendance. Service each evening at 7:30 p. m. We urge the people to attend these services. We are endeavoring to build up the moral life of our community. We invite all to help in this work. We appreciate your presence and help. A cordial welcome is extended to all to come.

E. W. Croy, Pastor.

Christian Church.

We were sorry to have to postpone the banquet of Nodaway County Churches of Christ which was to be at Pickering last Thursday. But because of the condition of the roads it was necessary. We hope to have it, however, as soon as possible. A good program was being prepared, the ladies were planning the best feed of the season, and we were expecting a large crowd. We will still keep our eye on those three goals when the time comes.

Services last Sunday morning were well attended, considering the roads. There was no evening services because of the rain.

The Young People's Union is to be congratulated upon the good start and fine programs. In spite of bad weather and roads they are going forward.

Next Sunday services: Morning, Bible School, communion, and sermon. General subject, "Christ in the Garden." Evening, 7:30, sermon "The Weakness of the Old Covenant," third in the series.

GOD WILL NOT LOOK YOU OVER FOR DIPLOMAS AND MEDALS, BUT FOR SCARS.

INDEPENDENCE.

The play entitled, "Too Much Married," was given last Friday night at the community meeting. Cast of characters: Mr. Bob Henshaw, who needed a wife and baby, Mrs. Glen Thomas; Miss Cordelia, Bob's housekeeper, Mrs. Gaylord Reynolds; Uncle Silas, Bob's rich uncle, Mrs. Clark Gray; Sally, Bob's cook, Mrs. Chas. Wallace; Jeremiah Finnegan, Bob's gardener, Mrs. Burl Hess. A general good time was had by all present. Several selections on violin and organ, also three vocal numbers. As the ladies were a little short of help and it was a ladies' program, three of the good brothers donned ladies' attire, and helped out. Supper was served by the men, consisting of fresh oysters, crackers, pickles and coffee. We had a full house. Come again.

Miss Miller went home after the play, Friday evening and came back Sunday night.

Clark Gray, Will Simpson, Raleigh Cable, Adrian and Laverne Reynolds cleaned the school house, Saturday p. m.

Everett Grays and Oll Gregorys attended the program at Hickory Grove, Friday evening.

Paul Gregory spent the week end with his parents.

Stanford Pence attended the funeral of Mrs. Pence's uncle, Saturday p. m.

Clark Gray and family spent Sunday p. m., with Mr. and Mrs. Marion Crawford.

Gaylord Reynolds and family and J. E. Hornbuckle, wife and daughter of Clarinda, spent Sunday at Chas. Hornbuckle's.

Sunday evening visitors at Gaylord Reynolds' were Mr. and Mrs. Clark Gray and son.

Virginia Hess spent the week end with her uncle, E. N. Gray and family.

Adrian Reynolds spent Tuesday night with Everett Kellogg, and enjoyed the radio program.

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Having rented my farm, I will sell at auction at my farm, 4 miles north, 1½ miles east of Burlington depot, 4½ miles southeast of Pickering, 1½ mile west of Myrtle Tree, the following property, at 10 o'clock—

Monday, Feb. 16

6 HORSES—Pair of black mares 7 and 11 years old, weight about 2800; pair of bay mares 7 and 10 years old, weight about 2400; pair of horses 5 and 6 years old, weight 3000.

CATTLE—3 cows, registered, giving milk, good ones; 3 calves; 1 roan Shorthorn bull, registered.

HOGS—30 head of brood sows and gilts; 63 head of fall pigs weighing from 50 to 125 lbs; 1 registered Spotted Poland-China boar.

IMPLEMENTS—Endgate seeder; 16-16 Janesville disc; grain binder, McCormick 6-ft; Standard mower, 5 ft.; corn planter; lister; 1 hay rake; 2-row stalk cutter; John Deere 14-inch gang plow; Oliver 16-inch sulky plow; Jenny Lind spring trip walking cultivator; low wheel wagon and box; set 1½ inch Concord harness; set 1½ inch back band harness; hand corn sheller; hog waterer, troughs and barrels, etc.

GRAIN—700 bus. good yellow corn; a few tons of alfalfa hay; about 25 shocks of fodder and corn; 10-12 bus. of good yellow seed corn.

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A full line of dependable domestic seeds: Alfalfa, Sweet Clover, Alsike and Red, etc. Alfalfa is high quality Nebraska and North Kansas seeds. Absolutely best suited for this section. Buy now while selections are best. One-half block north of square, east side of Main street.

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HOLT SUPPLY COMPANY

No Definite Action Taken for Drainage

Plan To Distribute Costs Among Three Parties for Cost of Draining Land At Barnard.

Nothing definite was decided yesterday at the conference of the county court with the town board of Barnard and officials of the Burlington Railroad in regard to drainage of a tract of land adjacent to the Burlington tracks at Barnard.

Judge E. T. Bailey, presiding judge of the county court, said today, however, that it is almost certain definite action will be taken on the project before, as the higher officials of the Burlington Railroad will have to O. K. the proceedings.

The result of the conference was that the Barnard town board would contribute 25 per cent towards cost of the drainage and that the Railroad Company and the county court split 50-50 on the remaining 75 per cent of the costs.

Urges All Schools to Compete in Contest

County-Wide Spelling Match To Be Held February 21—$100 In Gold To Be Given As Prizes.

Letters have been sent to about seventeen or eighteen high schools in the county urging them to send contestants to the spelling contest to be held at Maryville February 21. The schools will have an elimination sometime within the near future. There will be two contestants from each high school.

The prizes will be one hundred dollars in gold. The first prize will be $25; second, $20; third, fourth, and fifth, $10 each; sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth, $5 each.

With the letters went a list of 1,000 words out of which there will be 200 given.

At the local contest for elimination Mr. Ziegler expects to give a few prizes to the winners.

Member of Co-Op Commission Firm Asks Injunction

U. A. Anderson Seeks to Prevent Immediate Distribution of Earnings.

(St. Joseph Gazette).

U. A. Anderson, a farmer of Nodaway County, Mo., is endeavoring to prevent the Farmers Livestock Commission company from immediately distributing its excess earnings for 1924 by means of an injunction suit filed in the federal court Thursday. The application for the injunction will be argued before Judge A. L. Reeves, in the United States court in Kansas City at 10 Saturday morning. Anderson is a member of the commission firm, which is a co-operative concern.

The application follows the filing of an equity suit in which it is sought to determine the manner in which the company's earnings may be distributed and yet comply with the law. This case was not filed in time for trial at the May term and, therefore, cannot be heard until September. The injunction is asked to prevent the distribution of earnings until the equity case is adjudicated.

Law Fixes Charges.

The Packer and Stockyards act, the petition states, provided a rate of charges for services rendered patrons by commission firms and avers that it is unlawful for any person or firm to charge less or more than the stated rate, except that a co-operative association of producers may return to its members on a patronage basis its excess earnings.

The petition charges that the defendant has admitted not only actual producers, but corporations dealing in hay, grain, fuel, and other mercantile pursuits into the membership, while they are not actual producers and are not entitled by law to a share of the earnings.

The practice of the commission company in declaring anyone who sent stock to the company a member of the organization upon the receipt of the stock, and allowing them to participate in the disposal of the excess earnings, is also condemned in the petition.

Mr. Anderson, who was a member of the company before he consigned any stock to it, feels, so the petition states, that should the company divide the money as the officials now intend, he will not receive his rightful share of the excess profits.

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Bloomdale W. W. Club.

A miscellaneous shower was given for Mrs. Vilas McClurg, a recent bride, at the meeting of the Bloomdale Willing Workers Club at the home of Mrs. Edmund Harvey. Bible verses formed the roll call responses. After the business period a short program on Lincoln was given. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Bart Shannon and Mrs. Vilas McClurg, served refreshments. Guests of the club were Mrs. Tom McClurg, Miss DeLoris McClurg and Mrs. Vilas McClurg. These members were present: Mrs. Walter Runnels, Mrs. Parl Runnels, Mrs. Guy Pfeiffer, Mrs. Orville Gray, Mrs. Claire Conley, Mrs. Chance Copeland, Mrs. Will Lett and Mrs. Albert Hinton. The birthday bag will be opened at the next meeting February 26 at the home of Mrs. Albert Hinton.

Mrs. Eunice Parr, Mrs. Carl Wray and Paul Modsker of Guilford were visiting in Maryville today.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kernan and son, Glenn of Bedford, Ia., were Maryville visitors today.

J. S. Knepper and G. W. Knepper of Tarkio were business visitors in Maryville today.

Ben Thompson of Bedison was a Maryville visitor today.

Welton Wallace, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wallace has been quite sick with flu. Dr. Wiley was called to see him.

Gladys Hornbuckle spent the week end with home folks.

Oland Ringgold and wife and Mrs. Lester Ringgold spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Neal.

BANK OF HEALTH

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Scott's Emulsion

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A little of Scott's Emulsion helps you keep your deposit of strength intact.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J. 24-12

MULE SALE

Dr. E. R. Lindley will sell at his farm, ½ mile north of Stanberry, Mo., on the Jefferson Highway on Wednesday, February 18, at 1 p. m., 30 head of big farm mules, broke. They weigh from 1150 to 1400 pounds and are fat, and their hair is good.

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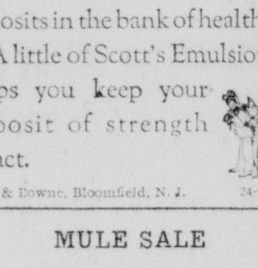

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Sports

BEARCATS IN GOOD SHOWING

DEFEAT FORMIDABLE TARKIO QUINT BY A 36 TO 26 SCORE.

EXPECT BATTLE TONITE

Bearcat Cage Crew Will Journey To Tarkio for Return Game—Cubs Defeated By Barnard Team.

The College Bearcats are going good again but lack considerable of being in top-season form. Last night they carried the fight to the formidable Tarkio College cage team and won in a 36 to 26 manner.

The State Teachers College coach employed one of Knute Rockne's favorite football tricks of starting his second crew and then inserting the regulars when the battle became close.

Ellis and Pierpoint at forwards and Aldrich at the pivot position were the choice of Coach Lawrence for the offensive positions and Smith and Masters started at guards. Smith and Aldrich being the only regular men in the opening line-up. This team battled the Tarks for nearly the entire first half and the offensive attack of the quintet kept them in the lead over the Tarkio team. The crew that started the game was "Red Hot" during the first few minutes and were in the lead the entire time. The general good floor work of Aldrich and Ellis was to be commended. "Doc" Pirpoint flipped in the first field goal for the Teachers from a difficult angle.

Near the close of the half Coach Lawrence sent Blomfield, Peoples, and Joy into the game and the contest became lively. The half ended with Maryville holding a 16 to 13 lead over the Tarkio rivals.

In the second half Peoples and Aldrich battled hard from under the loop and began to pile up points. Blomfield was especially adept at breaking up the Tarkio offensive and despite some ragged passing played one of his best games on the local court.

The final count was 36 to 26. Peoples accounted for fifteen points and Aldrich thirteen. White, Tarkio forward, was the visiting high-point man.

Tonight the Bearcats journey to the camp of the Tarks for a return game. The Tark is a wiley opponent and always has a few tricks left in his bag for the final game with the Bearcats. The two teams are ancient rivals and a real battle is to be expected.

The College Cub team lost another 21 to 20 contest when the Barnard Blizzards emerged from behind and scored a victory in the last two minutes of play, similar to the victory scored by the Central Eagles over the Cubs last week.

Coach Jones was badly handicapped by the absence of Beam, star center, being sick in bed. The reconstructed Cub line-up, however, did itself credit and battled hard during the entire game. With a three-point lead the Cubs attempted to stall for time but a Barnard man eluded the Cub defense and slipped the ball through the meshes.

Baldwin at center and Davison at forward were the leading scorers for the Cub team. Goforth counted for nine for the visiting team's points.

TARKIO (26)

	F.G.	F.T.
White, f	6	0
Walker, f	0	0
Martin, c	2	1
Wood, g	0	0
Nicholl, g	0	0
Harbison, f	1	1
Westbrook, g	1	0
Nuckells, f	2	0
Melchar, g	0	0

Dubin of Bedford, Ia., referee.

BEARCATS (36)

	F.G.	F.T.
Ellis, f	1	0
Pierpoint, f	1	0
Blomfield, c	1	0
Masters, g	0	0
Smith, g	0	0
Peoples, f	6	3
Aldrich, c	6	1
Joy, g	1	0

Substitutions: Peoples for Ellis, Crane for Pierpoint, Aldrich for Blomfield, Culp for Masters, Joy for Smith.

CUBS (20)

	F.G.	F.T.
Davis, f	0	0
Davison, f	3	0
Baldwin, c	5	0
Beam, g	0	0
Pollard, g	1	1
Prater, g	0	1

Substitutions: Barrett for Davis, Prater for Beam, Masters for Pollard.

BARNARD (21)

	F.G.	F.T.
Robison, f	2	0
Goforth, f	4	1
McKee, c	2	2
Euton, g	1	0
Campbell, g	0	0

Substitutions: Cotter for McKee.

Ziegler Goes to Athletic Meeting at St. Joseph

L. E. Ziegler, superintendent of schools, will go to St. Joseph tomorrow to attend a meeting of superintendents of ten high schools in Northwest Missouri, to discuss the proposition of establishing an athletic conference among these ten schools.

The schools that will be represented are:

Maryville, Trenton, Chillicothe, Excelsior Springs, Liberty, Cameron and the four St. Joseph high schools, namely, Benton, Central, Robidoux and Lafayette.

Harold G. Ebert, athletic director at the Maryville High School, may attend as the Spoofhounds play at St. Joseph tonight, and then from St. Joseph to play at Cameron tomorrow. The conference will be held at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon at the Robidoux Hotel.

An athletic conference, which would not supplant by existing Northwest Missouri High School Association, has been in the minds of several of the high school officials in the larger towns for the last two or three years, and now somewhat of a definite conference has been suggested, the details of which will be worked out later, if such an organization is formulated.

The St. Joseph News-Press last night stated that Central High School of St. Joseph had been invited to attend the conference of superintendents but officials of the institution say they cannot enter such a league.

West Virginia Coach to Washington Univ.

Robert A. Higgins Has Developed Winning Teams at West Virginia Wesleyan Since 1919—3-Year Contract.

St. Louis, Feb. 13.—Robert A. Higgins, 31, coach at West Virginia Wesleyan since 1919, has signed a three-year contract as football coach at Washington university, Dr. William Edmunds, director of athletics, announced yesterday. The terms of the contract were not announced.

Higgins played with Penn State and was all-American end in 1916 and 1919. During 1917 and 1918 he played with the Eighty-Ninth division team in France, which won the football championship of the American Expeditionary Forces. "Poge" Lewis and "Potsy" Clark were teammates.

Higgins' team last year scored victories over Syracuse and Navy.

Several weeks ago Washington university officials made it known they were willing to pay as high as $10,000 or $15,000 a year for a coach who could develop a winning team. William Roper of Princeton and Frank Murray of Marquette university were offered the coachship, but did not accept. Numerous applications were received.

Higgins succeeds A. B. Wimberly, who took over the coaching duties at Washington university last fall. In midseason he was replaced by a "board of strategy" and later he resigned.

TRENTON
HIGH SCHOOL
GIRLS
VS.
MARYVILLE
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS
HERE TONIGHT
AT THE
HIGH SCHOOL
GYM
8 o'Clock.

Ebert Takes Nine Men on a Two-Game Trip

Will Play Benton Tonight and Cameron Tomorrow Night—Leave on Afternoon Train.

Coach Harold G. Ebert and nine Spoofhound basketeers left at 4:48 o'clock this afternoon for a two-game trip. This evening the local high school cage team plays Benton High School of St. Joseph. Saturday the squad will go to Cameron to play there that night.

The men that made the trip with Coach Ebert:

Captain Cockayne, Kissinger, Tindall, Smith, Petty, Gibson, McMurry, Wagner and Robey. Mr. Ebert said he would start the following men tonight:

Kissinger, Smith, Cockayne, Petty and Gibson.

Takes Eleven Men to Tarkio for 2nd Game

A Bearcat basketball squad of eleven men and H. Frank Lwarence, coach, will leave late this afternoon for Tarkio, to meet the Tarkio cagers in a return game there tonight.

The men that made the trip:

Captain Blomfield, Aldrich, Crane, Ellis, Pierpoint, Peoples, Smith, Joy, Culp, Masters, Chick.

COURT SCORES.

Bearcats 36, Tarkio 26.
Cubs 20, Barnard Blizzards 21.
Kansas 22, Washington 19.
Oklahoma 50, Drake 27.

WANTED—Boys and girls to sell soap and win prizes at Reimer's Market, Saturday at 8 a. m.

"Christine of Hungry Heart" at the Empire

If you were a woman who craved the love of a husband and—

Your first husband proved untrue.

Your second husband neglected you.

Would you run away with a poet to seek happiness?

This was the problem of Christine Madison. She did run away with the poet—or started to—when her whole plan for the happiness she had so long sought was upset by the loss of her five-year old son.

Christine Madison is the heroine in the Thomas H. Ince-First National picture, "Christine of the Hungry Heart," to be shown at the Empire Theater tonight and tomorrow.

The part of Christine is taken by Miss Florence Vidor, who brings a wealth of ability and experience into her portrayal of the role. And she is supported by four leading men, not one. They are Warner Baxter as the unfaithful husband, Clive Brook as the neglectful husband, Ian Keith as the poet and Walter Hiers who plays the part of her sympathetic brother.

The story is from the successful novel of the same name by Kathleen Norris.

Examination Questions Are Sent Out Today

Examination questions for the third term of the schools in Nodaway County were sent out to the teachers today by Leslie G. Somerville, county superintendent. The third term examinations are set for February 19 and 20.

CALL FOR WARRANTS

1921 Bridge Warrants up to and including No. 767 of March 16, 1921 issue are now payable.

All warrants issued on Jury fund are now payable. Interest to cease February 18, 1925.

MRS. EDITH GLENN, County Terasurer.

ELECTRIC THEATRE

Matinee Sat. 2:30—4:10. Night 7:30 and 9:00—Saturday admission 10c-30c.

LAST TIME TONIGHT, 7:30 and 9:30 — "THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME." Featuring Lon Chaney. Admission 25c and 50c.

SATURDAY, FEB. 14—

Bellie Dove and Betty Blythe in "The Folly of Vanity"

A modern human interest story based on a woman's vanity. Also a two reel western—Pete Morrison in "THE HIDDEN BADGE."

Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 16 and 17—HOOT GIBSON in "THE RIDIN' KID FROM POWDER RIVER." From the novel by the same name by Henry Herbert Knibbs.

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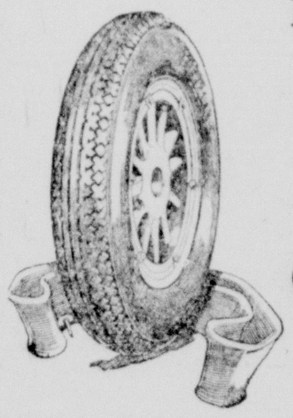

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